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## THIRD LINE TO THE GULF?

**Reported from Washington that Secretary Garfield Has Decided to Modify Oklahoma Pipe Line Regulations, Withdrawing the Common Carrier Requirement—As a Result It is Stated that the Prairie Oil & Gas Company Will Build Additional Pipe Lines, and that a Third Line to the Gulf Coast Will Be Constructed—New Orleans Named as the Probable Terminus—Pipe Line Runs and Developments in the Oklahoma Oil Field This Month—Bald Hill the Chief Center of Interest—A Deep Well at Mounds.**

From Washington comes the interesting and important information that the Interior Department will modify the pipe line regulations promulgated by former Secretary Hitchcock in December, 1906, by withdrawing the requirement which makes it necessary for companies constructing lines across Indian lands to sign an agreement to act as common carriers. The correspondent of the Oil Investors' Journal at Washington, in his letter appearing in this number, describes briefly the department's change of policy and the causes that brought it about as follows:

Secretary Garfield has been casting about for a long time to find some method whereby he might bring about increased pipe line facilities for the Oklahoma field. He has not been successful. Now, it is proposed to make the regulations concerning pipe lines less stringent. It has been practically decided to relax the regulations in at least one important particular. It is a requirement of the Interior Department that a pipe line company before entering the public domain must sign an agreement that it will be a common carrier. The Hepburn law makes pipe lines common carriers and has never been tested in the Supreme Court. Should the court knock out that feature of the Hepburn law, then a pipe line company that had signed an agreement such as the Interior Department requires would still be obliged to do a common carrier business. It will be the policy to leave the pipe line companies in such status as they are by law, without requiring the agreement spoken of to be signed. It is believed by Interior Department officials that the effect of this will be to encourage companies to construct additional pipe line facilities.

If the regulations as modified, prove acceptable to the Prairie Oil & Gas Company—and it is reported that they will—it means that this company will soon begin the construction of the additional lines in Oklahoma that it has refused to build under the regulations as promulgated by Secretary Hitchcock. During the period that these regulations have been in force the production of oil in the territory affected has been the greatest in the history of the petroleum industry in America. The output in Oklahoma in 1907 was 50,000,000 barrels, more than half of which came from the Glenn pool. The Prairie Company in December, 1906, had but one six inch line leading north from the Glenn field, and to take care of the oil run into its lines from this district was compelled to build 5,000,000 barrels of steel storage near the field. Pipe had been distributed over a portion of the right of way for an eight inch line from the Glenn field north to Ramona when the regulations of December, 1906, went into effect. The line was not laid.

It is reported that the management of the Prairie Company, at a recent conference with Secretary Garfield stated that additional lines would be constructed without delay if the regulations were modified so as to be acceptable to the pipe line people. In this connection it is stated that the Prairie Company is ready to lay a line from the Cherokee shallow sand district north to one of its tank farms where it has considerable empty storage, presumably Caney. The shallow sand field is badly congested.

Following rapidly upon the news of the Interior Department's proposed action comes the report that the modification of the regulations will result in the construction of a third 8 inch line to the Gulf Coast. It is stated that the survey has already been made for such a line by way of Arkansas and Louisiana to New Orleans, and that the distance from the Glenn pool to the coast, as determined by this preliminary survey, is about 520 miles. This is shorter by 40 miles than The Texas Company's line, via Dallas, to Port Arthur, Tex.

The Gulf Coast is the natural outlet for the Oklahoma oil fields, and it was reported early in the fall of 1906, before the Texas concerns announced their intention to build from the Glenn pool to the Coast, that the Standard would lay such a line. But the Standard was confronted by the opposition of the Texas state authorities, which doubtless would have taken form in prosecutions had the lines been constructed. Also, the regulations enforced by the Interior Department were not acceptable.

The project of a line through Louisiana looks reasonable. New Orleans has a great harbor, affording facilities for the shipment of oil, and it is also advantageously situated as a possible refinery site in view of the development of the territory that could be served from such a location. It is known that representatives of the Standard have looked over the ground at New Orleans recently.

The construction of a third line would mean much to the Oklahoma oil industry. Its importance in this respect can hardly be overestimated.

TELEGRAM TO MR. O'NEIL AND HIS REPLY.

On March 19 the Oil Investors' Journal sent the following message to J. E. O'Neil, vice-president and general manager of the Prairie Oil & Gas Company at Independence, Kan: "Reported Prairie Oil & Gas Company will lay pipe line south from Glenn pool as result of modification of pipe line regulations. Please advise if this report has any foundation."

Mr. O'Neil immediately answered as follows: "Telegram received. Have not heard that change of regulations was contemplated and have not been figuring on additional construction."

### PIPE LINE RUNS NOT UP TO LAST MONTH'S AVERAGE.

TULSA, Okla., March 16.—(Special.)—During the first two weeks of March the Prairie Oil & Gas Company's pipe line runs from all Mid-Continent districts averaged 89,685 barrels a day, deliveries 66,706 barrels a day and quantity tanked 22,979 barrels a day. The average of runs for the same period in February was 93,442 barrels, deliveries 74,466 barrels and quantity tanked 18,976 barrels. The Gulf Pipe Line Company's runs from March 1 to 14 are estimated at 20,000 barrels a day, and The Texas Company's 15,000 barrels a day, all the oil handled by these companies being from the Glenn pool. The Gulf Company's record this month shows an increase of 2,000 barrels a day over the average during the first two weeks of March. The Texas Company's runs show no change. The daily average of runs by all pipe line companies from March 1 to 14 was 124,685 barrels, as compared with 126,442 barrels in the corresponding period in February. The three pipe line companies are taking from 40,000 to 45,000 barrels a day from the Glenn field. It is reported that there has been a marked decline in the last four weeks in the output of some of the leases which have been delivering their maximum output to The Texas Company since last summer. Despite these reports, which have been repeated from time to time, it is a fact that the production of the field, taken as a whole, is still in excess of the capacity of facilities. A number of wells on leases of the Gulf Pipe Line Company are shut in.

CONDITIONS AT BALD HILL.

Including four producing wells there are now 20 rigs up at Bald Hill and the field is a scene of the greatest ac-

tivity. The four producing wells are holding up in good shape. The Galbreath & Chesley well up in section 20 is making 100 barrels, the first Burns & Caton well in section 6 is making about the same, the second Burns & Caton well in the same section is making 250 barrels and the Roeser well in section 5 is good for 500 barrels. There is therefore a total production in the new field of nearly 1,000 barrels. No pipe line company has yet laid a line into the field or commenced the erection of tanks but it is reported on what appears to be good authority that both the Prairie and Texas companies will go in immediately. All the pipe line companies including the Gulf have secured considerable tracts of land in the field and the Prairie has two rigs up. Owing to the lack of storage room some of the wells are being shut in for the time being. New rigs are going up every day. They are scattered over an area about eight miles long and about four miles wide. People are going into the field from all directions and in all conditions. Many are driving overland from Kiefer and other points about the Glenn field. The road is good and the distance is only about fifteen miles. There is an unceasing stream of wagons on this road many of them carrying boilers, engines and other rig fittings. Another stream is coming into the field from Okmulgee. Twenty-six wagons were counted on this road at one time one morning this week. Okmulgee is filling rapidly with oil people and it is next to impossible to get a room there. Livery rigs have to be ordered a day in advance. A town has already been started in the field. This is on the Jefferson Meyers tract, section 7-13-14, between the producing wells and Okmulgee. Ten lots were sold the first day and a hotel and livery stable were started on the spot. A move has already been started to have the Midland Valley Railroad build a spur into the field from Haskell. This will no doubt be done if developments should continue to be favorable. This would enable Tulsa people to get to and from the field the same day with almost as much ease as they now go over the same road to and from the Glenn field. Three weeks will probably tell the story of Bald Hill. It now looks promising.

**N. V. V. FRANCHOT.**

President of the Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Producers Association. Mr. Franchot has extensive interests in both the Mid-Continent oil fields and the older producing regions of the east. His home is in Olean, N. Y., but he has taken a house in Tulsa and will spend much of his time in Oklahoma. During his administration as president the Mid Continent Association has grown to be a most influential and efficient organization, numbering among its members practically all of the Oklahoma-Kansas oil operators.

DECISION IN BALD HILL CONTEST.

The first contest arising out of the Bald Hill development involved the ground on which the discovery well was drilled. Last January Burns & Caton began the drillling of a well on 120 acres in the northeast quarter of section 6-14-14 on a commercial lease from H. H. Hillman, owner of the land. They had hardly begun operations when they were served with a notice from the Keystone Oil Company of Tulsa, claiming it was the holder of a prior commercial lease on the ground. Burns & Caton went on, however, and completed the well bringing it in a good producer. The case then went to court and came up for trial before Judge Caruthers of the district court at Sapulpa on Saturday March 7. From the facts developed at the trial it appears that the Keystone Oil Company, then just organized, took a commercial lease on the 120 acres from Ephraim Colbert, a freedman allottee, in May, 1905. Soon afterward Colbert sold out to H. H. Hillman who in 1907 gave a commercial lease on the land to Burns & Caton. The contention set up by the attorney for Burns & Caton was that Colbert as a freedman had no right to make a lease—that the matter was solely in the hands of the Secretary of the Interior. The attorney for the Keystone contended that when the right of alienation was given the freedmen of the Indian Territory by act of Congress in 1904 it carried with it the right to execute commercial leases. This view was sustained by the court and the property including the finished well was ordered turned over to the Keystone Oil Company. An appeal was taken and the Keystone Oil Company was ordered to give a bond of $20,000. This bond was given last Friday and the Keystone Oil Company took possession and will continue the development of the lease which is regarded as one of the best in the new field. Some of the circumstances attending the taking of the original lease from Colbert are worth relating. H. H. Mosier, president of the Keystone Oil Company, came to Tulsa from the east in April, 1905, to look over the newly discovered oil fields of this country. He first went to Red Fork where were located a few producing wells and then on down to the Glenn field where nothing had been done. He went to Okmulgee where he carefully examined the record of a gas well that had been drilled there. He next went over to Morris where he examined another gas well. He found identical formations in these two places eight or ten miles apart. This was a favorable indication. He immediately employed J. G. Eldred to take leases and organized the Keystone Oil Company. He heard of a gas spring over northeast of Okmulgee in what is now known as the Bald Hill district and went to see it and took

a number of leases for the Keystone Oil Company in that vicinity. Among them was the one from Colbert. He leased in all about 2,500 acres in that neighborhood and around Okmulgee and Morris.

DEEP WELL NEAR MOUNDS.

On Friday, March 6, the well that has been drilling for some time on the Korndorfer tract in the northwest quarter of section 18-16-12, a mile southwest of Mounds, made a show of oil at a depth of 2343 feet. It flowed above the derrick ten minutes and then subsided, filling the hole. The well was drilled by Cal Higgins, well-known in the Glenn field. A number of Texas people are interested in the venture with him. Among these are Colonel A. M. Britton and George H. Johnson of Beaumont, and Messrs. A. M. Carter, Swasey and Rhome of Fort Worth. When the well came in they were notified and they came here and organized the Swasey Oil Company with B. C. Rhome as president, Colonel Britton as vice president and George H Johnson as secretary. An attempt was made to drill deeper into the sand as it had been barely touched when the oil first showed, but the casing dropped several inches and caused a delay. The well, however, made another flow lasting about thirty minutes. Mr. Higgins hopes to drill it in before the end of the week. The oil is of a very superior quality and the sand is close and white.

JULIA OIL COMPANY'S NEW WELL AT MUSKOGEE.

The Julia Oil Company has brought in a second well on the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section 8 at Muskogee and it appears to be as good as the first which has been making 150 barrels natural from the start. It looks as if the Julia would develop a fine production on this land. The third well is now drilling and a rig is up for No. 4. The Coody Oil Company which is made up largely of the same St. Louis people as are in the Julia will also operate in the Muskogee field.

DISTURBING NEWS FROM GUTHRIE.

The matter of taxing the oil inustry is now up in the senate at Guthrie and some very extreme views are being expressed by some of the members of that body. What is known as the Anthony bill which originated in the house and a synopsis of which has been given in these columns was sent to the senate and there referred to a special committee of which Senator Taylor is chairman. Chairman Taylor has proposed a gross receipts amendment that is much in line with the bill which was fought so hard in the Texas legislature by the oil men of that state. The committee that now has the bill in charge consists of five members and it is said four of them will support the amendment of Chairman Taylor. It is expected the committee will report early next week and the prospect is good for the passage of the bill as amended. It will then have to go back to the House and there the oil men will make their fight.

ONE OF CROSBIE'S WELLS ON FIRE.

A flowing well belonging to J. E. Crosbie, on the Crow lease in section 5 of the Glenn field, caugnt fire Monday night, March 9, and burned until noon of the 11th inst. It became ignited from the sand reel which had become overheated from friction. The well was making 600 barrels hence the flames were fierce and licked up everything in sight. The rig was completely destroyed in no time. Crosbie reached the scene Tuesday morning and he and a lot of men worked at it all that day, all Tuesday night and all Wednesday forenoon before they got the flames extinguished. They concentrated six boilers about the well and simply drowned the place with water and steam. "Jack" counted himself lucky to save so valuable a well even at the sacrifice of the rig and about one thousand barrels of oil.

THE SAVING GRACE OF THE OIL BUSINESS.

Oil men in the Oklahoma fields have had their complaints and their troubles but after all they have enjoyed a degree of prosperity that has been sufficient to tide them over one of the worst panics in the history of the by the engines is generatetd by a crude be boasted of by most business men. There has not been a time when they could not sell at least part of their oil for cash and thus realize something for immediate necessities. This certainly has not been the case with many other lines of business. Coal mines, lumber mills and factories have been shut down by the hundred all over the country, but not only have the older districts here been kept going, some of them with a flush output, but operators have gone right along opening new ones. No better evidence could be given of the prosperity of the oil industry notwithstanding the general financial depression all over the country than the thrifty condition of those towns and cities in the oil territory.

**VICTOR MARTIN.**

Secretary of the Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Producers Association. Mr. Martin formerly maintained headquarters at Bartlesville, but is now located at Tulsa, the center of Oklahoma oil activity. He has proved himself the right man in the right place, looking after the detail work of the organization in a manner that has invariably produced results.

Places like Tulsa, Bartlesville and Sapulpa have hardly known there was a panic. Their banks have had plenty of money all the time and never would have found it necessary to restrict cash payments had it not been done by banks in less favored portions of the state. They have had no mercantile failures, their streets have been thronged with busy people and their stores have done a good trade right along. The growth of Tulsa in particular has been simply amazing and it has excited the surprise and admiration of every visitor. It is oil that has done it. The other resources of the adjacent country have not yet been developed.

SALE OF BALD HILL MINOR LEASES.

A sale of minor leases situated in the Bald Hill district took place at Okmulgee on Tuesday, March 10, in the Probate Court, and was largely attended. The following is a list of the leases and the prices and purchasers:

Northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of 36-15-13 to Producers Oil Company for $3,200.

Southeast quarter of same to the Producers Oil Company, $4,100.

Northwest quarter of same to the Mabel Oil Company, $3,250.

Southwest quarter of same to the Mabel Oil Company, $3,250.

Northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of 36-15-13 to the Prairie Oil and Gas Company, $3,225.

Southeast quarter of the same to the Winona Oil Company, $3,900.

Northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of the same to the Gypsy Oil Company, $2,200.

Southwest quarter of same to the Claremore Oil Company, $2,300.

Northwest quarter of same sold as a whole to the Leader Oil Company, $7,500.

Northeast quarter of same representing an undivided one-half minor interest to the Producers Oil Company for $6,100.

Southeast quarter of 25-15-13, an undivided one-half minor interest, to Bechtold & Page for $760.

Northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of same, a two year minor lease, to Robt. Oglesby for $410.

Southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of the same to Robert Oglesby for $725.

Northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of the same to Geo. Davis for $400.

Southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of the same to George Davis for $675.

Southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of the same to the Sachem Oil Company for $625.

Southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of the same to the Gypsy Oil Company for $900.

Northwest corner of the southeast quarter of the same to the Winona Oil Company for $500.

Southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of the same to the Texas & Oklahoma Investment Company for $700.

Northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of 14-14-13 to the Gypsy Oil Company for $725.

West half of the northwest quarter of same to Claremore Oil Company for $1,000.

Southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of 14-14-13 to the Gypsy Oil Company for $950.

PURE OIL COMPANY RECEIVING OKLAHOMA CRUDE.

Senator M. L. Lockwood has recently returned to Tulsa from the east where he attended the annual meeting of the trustees of the Pure Oil Company at Camden, New Jersey, on February 26. Senator Lockwood was one of the original incorporators of the Pure Oil Company. At the time the company was formed he lived in Pennsylvania. It is one of the most successful of the so-called independent companies. When it was converted into a trust some time after its organization Senator Lockwood was made one of the trustees and has held this office since. He is fond of reciting the fact that the Pure Oil Company is a strictly legal and proper trust because in its original charter it is expressly provided that the organization should never do anything to discourage competition in the oil trade but do all in its power to encourage and foster a healthy competition in the same. In any event the Pure Oil Company prospered from the first and now has a large foreign trade. It began with a capital of $600,000. This has grown until it now has an authorized capital of $10,000,000 with $6,000,000 issued. The net earnings last year were $1,800,000 and there was a surplus of between $1,300,000 and $1,400,000 after an 8 per cent dividend. This surplus is to go into extensions and improvements. The company has a refinery at Marcus Hook on the Delaware river near Philadelphia and three pipe lines running from the oil fields of Pennsylvania and West Virginia to the refinery and loading docks. The company is now reaching out for Oklahoma oil. Having no pipe line connections with Oklahoma it is dependent on tank steamers. It has already received several cargoes of Oklahoma crude, shipped from the Texas Gulf coast. The cost of this oil laid down at Marcus Hook, is $1.40 a barrel, or over 70 cents less than crude carried from the fields of Pennsylvania or West Virginia in its own pipe lines. This is another convincing proof of the important position that Oklahoma crude must hold in the future oil trade of the country. It may be added here that the representative of the Pure Oil Company in the Oklahoma field is the Quaker Oil Company which owns a heavy production in the Glenn pool and has a group of eleven 55,000 steel tanks filled.

NOTES.

The Gulf Pipe Line Company has purchased from the Savoy Oil Company the Eliza Cosier tract consisting of 160 acres, being the southwest quarter of section 2-17-12, Glenn field, for $90,000. There are seven wells on the tract with an aggregate production of 300 barrels.

L. H. Thornton, of Wellsville, New York, is here on a visit to the Oklahoma oil fields. He is interested in several oil companies, one of which is the Wellsville Oil Company operating in the Cherokee shallow sand. Mr. Thornton is also a newspaper proprietor.

Last winter when there were a good many unemployed men in Tulsa the Salvation Army did notable work in providing lodging and something to eat for many of them. Some of them were rig builders and tank builders. When the Salvation Army was sorely pressed for funds to carry on its good work the officers were told by a certain oil operator here in the city, whose identy was not made known, to bring the bills to him. With his generous help as many as thirty hungry men were fed in a day and as many given lodging at night. This work went on for weeks and now it is said this same gentleman has other and larger schemes for furthering the efforts of the Salvation Army in Tulsa to aid the unfortunate.

Robert Galbreath, Frank Chesley and John O. Mitchell, three well known and successful oil operators of Tulsa, have become prominently associated with the organization of a company to manufacture Portland cement here on a large scale. The company has a capital of $300,000, nearly all of which is paid in, and the capacity of the plant will be 2,000 barrels a day. It is the biggest manufacturing concern yet organized in Tulsa.

The matter of sprinkling the unpaved streets of Tulsa with oil is being agitated. It is to be hoped something will come of it for the dust is sometimes very bad here in the summer. Oil has long been used for sprinkling the suburban streets and roads of many of the cities and towns of Southern California. It has there been found to be most satisfactory. The oil not only lays the dust most effectually but it is a fine sanitary agent and imparts a most refreshing and invigorating odor to the atmosphere.

H. R. Ketchum, who has built many of the earthen reservoirs in the Glenn field, is now operating at Bald Hill. He is constructing an earthen reser-

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voir for the Mabel Oil Company, of 100,000 barrels capacity. It is reported that the Keystone Oil Company will also put in some earthen storage.

Sinclair Mainland has secured a franchise to pipe Shawnee, Okla., for natural gas.

The Western Supply Company has moved into the large store room opposite the Brady Hotel at Tulsa, formerly occupied by the National Supply Company, and is putting in a complete stock of oil well supplies.

The Vertrees Tank Company has prepared itself for rush orders in the Bald Hill district, and has already put in a number of tanks in the new field. Manager C. R. Vertrees has opened an office in the Seider-Garner building at Okmulgee, where the Mabel Oil Company (W. H. Roeser), Caton, Burns, Bean and Webb, and Ed Slater the rig builder also have offices. The Vertrees people have had practically all of the tank work in the Muskogee field and a large share of the Glenn field and Morris business.

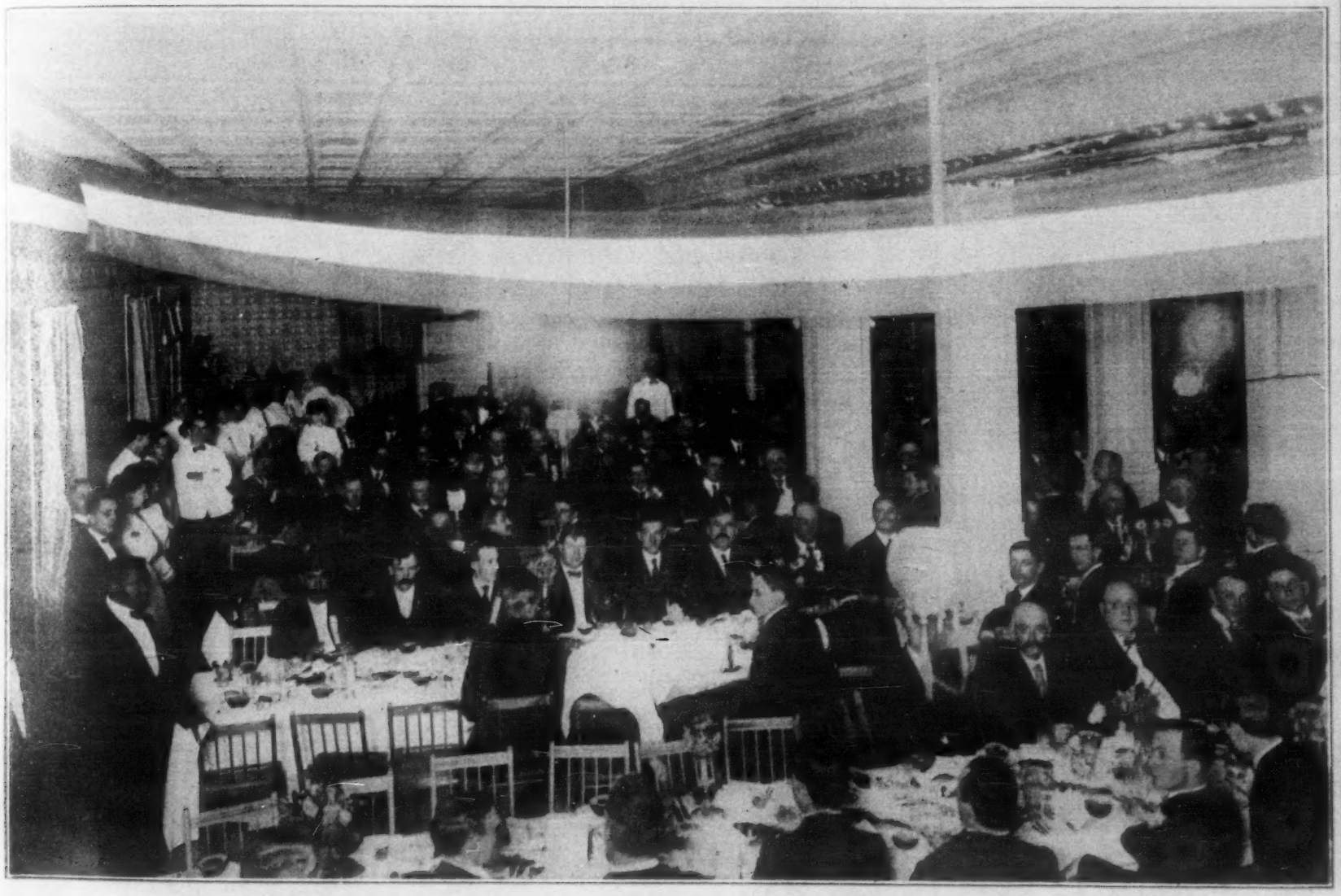
Orders have been given at the Rock Island's Shawnee shops for the immediate change of six engines from coal to oil burners. These engines are to be used out of Oklahoma City and El Reno and are said to be the forerunners of fifty more that will be used on the Choctaw division.

The famous 60,000,000 foot gas well at Caney, Kans., that attracted so much attention two years ago when it caught fire and burned seven weeks is no more. It cost the Kansas Natural Gas Company $10,000 to put out the fire. When it was uncapped the other day it was found to be dead, having exhausted itself in the fire.

Charles Page has sold to the Gulf Pipe Line Company 40 acres of the C. A. Hengst tract, southwest quarter of 6-17-12, Glenn field for $40,000. There are three wells on the land producing 365 barrels daily.

Martin L. Moore, assistant treasurer of the Frick-Lindsey Oil Well Supply Company of Pittsburg has been here recently on a visit to the oil fields. He was accompanied by H. G. Tinker of the Wheeling Steel and Iron Company one of the largest of the inde-

**SCENE AT THE BANQUET OF THE MID-CONTINENT OIL AND GAS PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION AT THE BRADY HOTEL, TULSA, OKLA., FEBRUARY, 29, 1908.**



It was at this banquet that Governor Haskell of Oklahoma, speaking on "Oklahoma—The Newest and Brightest Star of the Constellation" said, among other things: "What we need is regulation, not annihilation. We want all corporations to obey the law, we want all corporations to know that they are not above the law, but we also want the people to remember what these corporations have done for this country and what they are doing for this country. The Standard Oil Company has done a great deal for the producers of Oklahoma in providing them a market for their oil and this fact should be recognized in dealing with this problem." Although the Governor's speech was the last on the program and was not delivered until after midnight it was received most enthusiastically. Others who responded to toasts were D. F. Connolly, whose subject was, "The Oil Man on His Native Heath," and W. E. Norvell, member of the Oklahoma legislature, on "United for Prosperity," G. W. Barnes, on "Resources of Oklahoma," J. A. Tillotson, member of the legislature, on "Equal Rights to All, Special Privileges to None," Doctor M. C. Wyatt on "Taxation and Development," Judge Henry of Indiana on the question of restrictions, and Eugene Mackey on "Legislation—Its Results." Four hundred persons attended the banquet.

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pendent manufacturers of pipe in the country. Both were greatly interested in the Glenn field as well as in the prospective Bald Hill field.

Hubert Sterling of the Sabine Tram Company of Beaumont has been in Tulsa recently selling lumber for the company which he represents.

President N. V. V. Franchot of the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Producers Association has taken a house in Tulsa temporarily and has his family here with him. His home is in Olean, New York.

Two important test wells are to be completed west of the Glenn field. The first is that of the Dutcher Oil Company in section 22-17-11, three miles west of Kiefer. They have already reached the Red Fork sand in which a little oil was found and are now going deeper. The second is that of the Cash Oil Company which has a rig up for a well on the Sadie Baker land in the southeast corner of 1-17-10. This is at Kelleyville, eight miles west of the Glenn field. J. R. R.

## FRAMING UP A GROSS RECEIPTS TAX ON OKLAHOMA OIL AND GAS.

TULSA, Okla., March 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Secretary Victor Martin of the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Producers Association on Tuesday received a message from Chairman Anthony of the House Revenue Committee at Guthrie announcing that the committee has under consideration a bill taxing the gross output of oil wells one-half of one per cent and gas wells one per cent, and asking the association to send representatives to a public hearing. This hearing has been arranged for Thursday, March 19, and several members of the association will attend. This will probably be the last hearing on the subject and the bill will be reported immediately afterward. The measure is undoubtedly patterned after the Texas gross receipts tax law. The payments to the state are figured on the basis of the market value of the output. In Texas these payments were required quarterly and penalties are imposed for failure to make reports of production. J. R. R.

## LATE NEWS FROM MOUNDS AND BALD HILL.

TULSA, Okla., March 18.—(Special Telegram.)—There has been more delay in drilling in the Swasey Oil Company's deep well near Mounds. It made another flow Monday, the 16th, and then filled up. On Tuesday it was cleaned out and a four inch liner will be put in. It will be several days before the well is fully drilled in. An attempt was made yesterday to drill in the Hammond well on the northwest quarter of section 6-14-14 at Bald Hill but the rope broke and the tools are in the hole. J. R. R.

## WANTED.

The Pelican Oil & Mineral Co., Ltd., Opelousas, La., will consider a proposition from a reliable oil company or driller to drill one or more wells upon its holdings in the Jennings (Mamou) oil field of Louisiana. Said company owns 50 1-3 acres located in Sect. 38 and bounded on the north by the King tract, or Sect. 40. Address,

J. J. HEALY, Secty., Opelousas, La.

## GAS LINE FROM CADDO TO TEXARKANA.

Pipe has been ordered for an 8-inch gas line from the Caddo, La., field to Texarkana, Tex., a distance of about 55 miles. The Caddo Gas & Oil Company has secured right of way and a franchise to pipe Texarkana and expects to be delivering natural gas to consumers in that city next fall. The contract for the pipe was let to the South Chester Tube Company, delivery to be made within the next four months.

On March 14 a party of Chicago and eastern capitalists interested in the Caddo Gas & Oil Company and other enterprises in the oil and gas field north of Shreveport visited the district. They were in the private car of A. J. Earling, president of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, who was a member of the party. C. M. Dawes of Chicago, head of the Dawes syndicate, which controls the gas privileges in a number of southwestern cities, was also in the party, as was S. S. Hunter of Shreveport. The visitors were enthusiastic in their expressions as to the future of the Caddo field.

It is reported that the next move to be made by the Dawes syndicate will be a gas line to Dallas, Texas.

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# GENERAL PIPE LINE STATISTICS

(Two Months, 1908.)

## MID-CONTINENT REGION.

PRAIRIE OIL AND GAS COMPANY.

| 1908. | Total Bbls. | Daily Avg. |
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| **Runs.** | | |
| January | 2,914,843.19 | 94,027.20 |
| February | 2,773,592.27 | 95,641.11 |
| Total | 4,688,435.46 | |
| **Deliveries.** | | |
| January | 2,332,098.07 | 75,228.97 |
| February | 2,005,284.75 | 69,147.75 |
| Total | 4,337,382.82 | |
| **Tanked.** | | |
| January | 582,745.12 | 18,798.23 |
| February | 768,307.52 | 26,493.36 |
| Total | 1,351,052.64 | |
| **Stocks.** | | |
| February 1 | | 32,569,215.29 |
| March 1 | | 33,352,054.29 |

GULF PIPE LINE COMPANY.

(Estimated.)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Runs.** | | |
| January | 558,000 | 18,000 |
| February | 533,600 | 18,400 |
| Total | 1,091,600 | |
| **Deliveries.** | | |
| January | 387,500 | 12,500 |
| February | 437,900 | 15,100 |
| Total | 825,400 | |
| **Tanked.** | | |
| January | 170,500 | 5,500 |
| February | 95,700 | 3,300 |
| Total | 266,200 | |
| **Stocks.** | | |
| March 1 | | 4,090,831 |

THE TEXAS COMPANY.

(Estimated.)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Runs.** | | |
| January | 465,000 | 15,000 |
| February | 464,000 | 16,000 |
| Total | 929,000 | |
| **Deliveries.** | | |
| January | 175,000 | 5,644 |
| February | 140,000 | 4,827 |
| Total | 315,000 | |
| **Tanked and Piped.** | | |
| January | 290,000 | 9,356 |
| February | 324,000 | 11,173 |
| Total | 614,000 | |
| **Stocks.** | | |
| March 1 | | 2,400,000 |

RECAPITULATION—MID-CONTINENT REGION.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **All Pipe Line Runs.** | | |
| January | 3,937,843.19 | 127,027.20 |
| February | 3,771,192.27 | 130,041.11 |
| Total | 7,709,035.46 | |
| **Deliveries.** | | |
| January | 2,894,598.07 | 93,372.97 |
| February | 2,583,184.75 | 89,074.75 |
| Total | 5,477,782.82 | |
| ***Tanked.** | | |
| January | 1,043,245.12 | 33,654.23 |
| February | 1,188,007.52 | 39,149.36 |
| Total | 2,231,252.64 | |

*Includes oil piped in case of The Texas Company.

MID-CONTINENT STOCKS MARCH 1.

| | |
|---|---|
| Prairie O. & G. Co. | 33,352,054.29 |
| Gulf P. L. Co. (Est.) | 4,090,831.00 |
| The Texas Co. (Est.) | 2,400,000.00 |
| In producers' tanks | 7,000,000.00 |
| Total | 46,842,885.29 |

## GULF COAST REGION.

Production.

| | Total Bbls. | Daily Avg. |
|---|---|---|
| January (Est.) | 1,479,950 | 47,740 |
| February (Est.) | 1,497,950 | 51,653 |
| Total | 2,977,900 | |

# MID-CONTINENT PIPE LINE RUNS

(March 1 to 14.)

PRAIRIE OIL & GAS COMPANY.

| First 2 weeks, March. | Total. | Average. |
|---|---|---|
| Runs | 1,255,589 | 89,685 |
| Deliveries | 933,878 | 66,706 |
| Tanked | 321,711 | 22,979 |
| **First 2 weeks, February.** | **Total.** | **Average.** |
| Runs | 1,308,193 | 93,442 |
| Deliveries | 1,042,518 | 74,466 |
| Tanked | 265,675 | 18,976 |
| Comparisons, two weeks— | | |
| March decrease runs | 52,604 | 3,757 |
| March decrease deliveries | 108,640 | 7,760 |
| March increase tanked | 56,036 | 4,003 |

GULF PIPE LINE COMPANY.

| First 2 weeks, March. | Total. | Average. |
|---|---|---|
| Runs | 280,000 | 20,000 |
| Delvres., rail to Pt. Arthur | 21,000 | 1,500 |
| Tanked and piped | 252,000 | 18,000 |
| **First 2 weeks, February.** | **Total.** | **Average.** |
| Runs | 252,000 | 18,000 |
| Delvres., rail to Pt. Arthur | 21,000 | 1,500 |
| Tanked and piped | 231,000 | 16,500 |
| Comparisons, two weeks: | | |
| March increase runs | 28,000 | 2,000 |
| March increase deliv. by rail | 7,000 | 500 |
| March inc. t'kd. and piped | 21,000 | 1,500 |

THE TEXAS COMPANY.

| | Total. | Average. |
|---|---|---|
| Runs first 2 weeks, March | 210,000 | 15,000 |
| Runs first 2 weeks, Feb. | 210,000 | 15,000 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Consumption.** | | |
| **(Estimated.)** | | |
| January | 1,192,791 | 38,477 |
| February | 1,012,066 | 34,898 |
| Total | 2,204,857 | |
| **Stocks.** | | |
| March 1 (Est.) | | *4,416,168 |

* Actual stocks January 1, 1908, were 3,643,125 barrels. Estimated surplus in January 287,159 barrels; in February 485,884 barrels.

## ILLINOIS REGION.

| 1908. | Runs. | Shipments. | Stocks |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. | 2,497,354.21 | 77,936.36 | 14,053,277.39 |
| *Feb. | 2,464,914.17 | 230,336.22 | 15,010,751.96 |
| Ttls | 4,962,268.38 | 308,272.58 | |

*Other receipts 236,157.20.
*Other deliveries 1,563,458.98.
*Daily average runs 84,997.04.

## PENNSYLVANIA-LIMA-KENTUCKY.

| 1908. | Total Bbls. | Daily Avg. |
|---|---|---|
| **Runs.** | | |
| January | 2,533,716.21 | 81,732.78 |
| February | 2,333,342.23 | 80,460.07 |
| Total | 4,867,058.44 | |
| **Deliveries.** | | |
| January | 5,554,984.38 | 179,193.04 |
| February | 4,985,638.34 | 171,918.56 |
| Total | 10,540,622.72 | |
| **Gross Stocks.** | | |
| January 1 | | 12,472,264.11 |
| February 1 | | 12,835,197.60 |
| March 1 | | 12,949,112.20 |
| Increase | | 113,914.00 |

## THE TEXAS COMPANY'S GENERAL OFFICES NOW AT HOUSTON.

The Texas Company on March 7 and 8 transferred its general office force from Beaumont to Houston, where the different departments, executive, legal, accounting, sales and shipping, are now located on the sixth, seventh and the eighth floors of the new Stewart building at Fannin street and Preston avenue. The several departments lately located at Dallas have also been removed to Houston. Notices were sent out by the company from Houston on March 9 calling attention to the changes and directing that telegrams be sent to Houston and mail matter to drawer 809, Houston.

# THE CRUDE PETROLEUM MARKET

**Quotations on Credit Balances as Posted by the Pipe Lines.**

SOUTHEAST TEXAS AND LOUISIANA.

Sun Company.

| District. | Jan. 10. | Jan. 31. | Feb. 4. | Feb. 19. | Mch. 14. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Spindletop | 70 | 70 | 70 | 70 | 70 |
| Sour Lake | 69 | 70 | 70 | 70 | 70 |
| Batson, 20 and up | 65 | 68 | 68 | 67 | 67 |
| Batson, 17 and up | 61 | 68 | 68 | 67 | 67 |
| Saratoga, 20 and up | 65 | 70 | 70 | 70 | 70 |
| Humble, heavy | 68 | 75 | 73 | 73 | 70 |
| Dayton | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 |

Gulf Pipe Line Company.

| District. | Dec. 18. | Jan. 1. | Feb. 1. | Feb. 5. | Mch. 14. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Spindletop | 77 | 70 | 70 | 70 | 70 |
| Sour Lake | 77 | 70 | 72 | 72 | 72 |
| Saratoga | 73 | 70 | 72 | 71 | 71 |
| Batson | 68 | 68 | 68 | 68 | 68 |
| Humble | 75 | 70 | 75 | 73 | 70 |

The Texas Company.

| District. | Nov. 12. | Nov. 19. | Jan. 23. | Feb. 4. | Mch. 13. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sour Lake | 82 | 79 | 77 | 75 | 72 |
| Saratoga | 78 | 75 | 73 | 71 | 71 |
| Humble | 80 | 77 | 75 | 73 | 70 |
| Jennings | 77 | 74 | 72 | 70 | 67 |
| Shreveport | 77 | 74 | 72 | 70 | 67 |

Above prices do not include loading, storage or other charges on oil shipped by tank car.

NORTH TEXAS.

| | Feb. 1. | Mar. 2. | Mar. 16. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Corsicana, light | $.98 | $.95 | $.90 |
| Corsicana, heavy | .70 | .70 | .67 |
| Henrietta, Texas | .90 | .85 | .80 |

KANSAS AND TERRITORIES.

Prairie Oil and Gas Company.

| | Feb. 11. | Mch. 9. |
|---|---|---|
| 32 gravity and over | $0.40 | $0.41 |
| 32 to 31 1-2 gravity | .37 | .38 |
| 31 1-2 to 31 gravity | .34 | .38 |
| 31 to 30 1-2 gravity | .31 | .32 |
| 30 1-2 to 30 gravity | .28 | .29 |
| Heavy or fuel oil | .27 | .28 |

Gulf Pipe Line Company.

| | Dec. 5. |
|---|---|
| Glenn Crude | $0.35 |

EASTERN STATES.

Seep Purchasing Agency.

| | |
|---|---|
| Pennsylvania | $1.78 |
| Second sand | 1.78 |
| Tiona oil | 1.78 |
| Amber oil | 1.78 |
| Corning | 1.14 |
| Newcastle | 1.22 |
| Cabell | 1.32 |
| Butler, Ohio | 1.78 |
| North Lima | *1.04 |
| South Lima | *.99 |
| Indiana | *.99 |
| South Lima | *.94 |
| Indiana | *.94 |
| Illinois | .68 |
| Illinois, under 30 deg. | .60 |
| Princeton, Ind | .68 |
| Somerset | 1.00 |
| Ragland | .75 |

*Advanced 5 cents February 26.

Vice-President Pettibone has turned over to State Receiver Guy A. Collett the 19 Union Tank Line cars which have been in the custody of the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe railroad. The cars will be put in service, under lease to the Kansas City Southern railroad, transporting Glenn crude to the Security Oil Company's plant at Beaumont.

Attorneys for the Waters-Pierce Oil Company on March 12 filed in the Supreme Court of the state of Texas motions for rehearing in both the main ouster and penalty case and the receivership case.

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## TEXAS AND LOUISIANA SUMMARY

March 1 to 15.)

Thirty-three wells were completed in the Gulf Coast region during the first 14 days of March, 24 being producers with initial output estimated at 9,475 barrels, an average of 395 barrels per well, 6 being dry and 3 gassers. Of the gas wells, 2 are credited to Humble and 1 to Sour Lake. The record for the first two weeks of February was 37 completions, 26 being producers wiht 5,620 barrels of new oil or 216 barrels to the well, 10 being dry and 1 a gasser—at Caddo.

Jennings furnished the bulk of the new production, being credited with 7,700 barrels from 6 wells. Two of the Jennings completions, the Zigler No. 1 on the Shultz subdivision and the Heywood Oil Company's No. 4 on the Acadia lease, both in the new west side development, started off at the rate of 3,000 barrels each. The actual gauge showed a production in excess of this quantity in each instance during the first 24 hours, but as is customary with wells in this territory they declined rapidly and were equipped to pump. The Heywood Oil Company's No. 3 on the Acadia is rated a 200 barrel well. The Producers No. 1 on the Eunice-Crowley lease, on the west side, was completed a salt water well, and the Noble Company's No. 3 on the Eunice-Crowley is credited with 100 barrels. The Ismerie Oil Company's No. 1 on the Schultz started off at 1200 barrels. On March 15 there were 19 wells drilling at Jennings and 1 rig was up. On the same date locations had been made and derricks were being erected for 8 additional wells.

Spindletop is next to Jennings in point of new production, with 945 barrels from 5 wells, the best of which, Big Five No. 8 on the McFaddin lease, started at 600 barrels. Bowles No. 5 on the McFaddin is rated a 300 barrel well. The other producers are small wells. Caston & Halliday completed a dry hole in their No. 4 in Block 38 of the Hogg-Swayne. On March 15 there were 26 wells drilling and 2 rigs at Spindletop.

At Humble 12 wells were completed during the first two weeks of the month, 4 being dry and 2 gas. The new production was 405 barrels. The best of the completions was Fondren's No. 3 on the Faut & Freund, credited with 150 barrels. Thirty-four wells were drilling and 10 rigs were up March 15 as compared with 43 drilling and 3 rigs on February 29.

Two small wells, credited with 55 barrels of new oil, were completed at Saratoga, but the production of the field was largely increased by the deepening of the Rio Bravo Oil Company's No. 238, and the revival of its No. 242. The No. 238 began flowing on March 5, making mostly water. The percentage of oil rapidly increased, however, and on the 7th the well made 2700 barrels of oil, and improved some on the 8th. It declined but it was equipped with air and on March 15 was reported to be making over 2000 barrels of oil. No. 242, which had been flowing since last September, took a fresh lease on life about March 8, and increased its output from 400 barrels to about 1200 barrels. The Crude Oil Company's No. 1 on the Kirby strip when deepened started at 100 barrels, and the Britton Oil Company's No. 2 on the Nona Mills came in salt water. On March 15 there were 4 wells drilling and 3 rigs in the Saratoga field, as compared with 4 drilling and 2 rigs on February 29.

Batson completed 3 wells, all producers, for a total of 140 barrels of new oil, of which the Guffey No. 77 on the Wing furnished 100 barrels, Browning 10 on the Thaxton 20 barrels and Reliance 5 on the Oriole 20 barrels. Eleven wells were drilling and 1 rig was up March 15 as compared with 4 drilling and 2 rigs on February 29.

Caddo reported only 1 completion, Blanchard No. 1 on the Offenhauser, good for 80 barrels. On March 15 there were 10 wells drilling and 12 rigs in the field, as compared with 11 drilling and 10 rigs on February 29.

Neither Anse la Butte nor Dayton has reported a completion this month. There have been no further developments of interest at Anse la Butte and only 3 rigs are running there. The other three wells included in the drilling list there are shut down.

GULF COAST PRODUCTION.

Estimates of production on March 15 indicate a slight decline in the gross output of the Gulf region. The Texas districts were credited on that date with 35,680 barrels as against 35,085 barrels on February 29, and the

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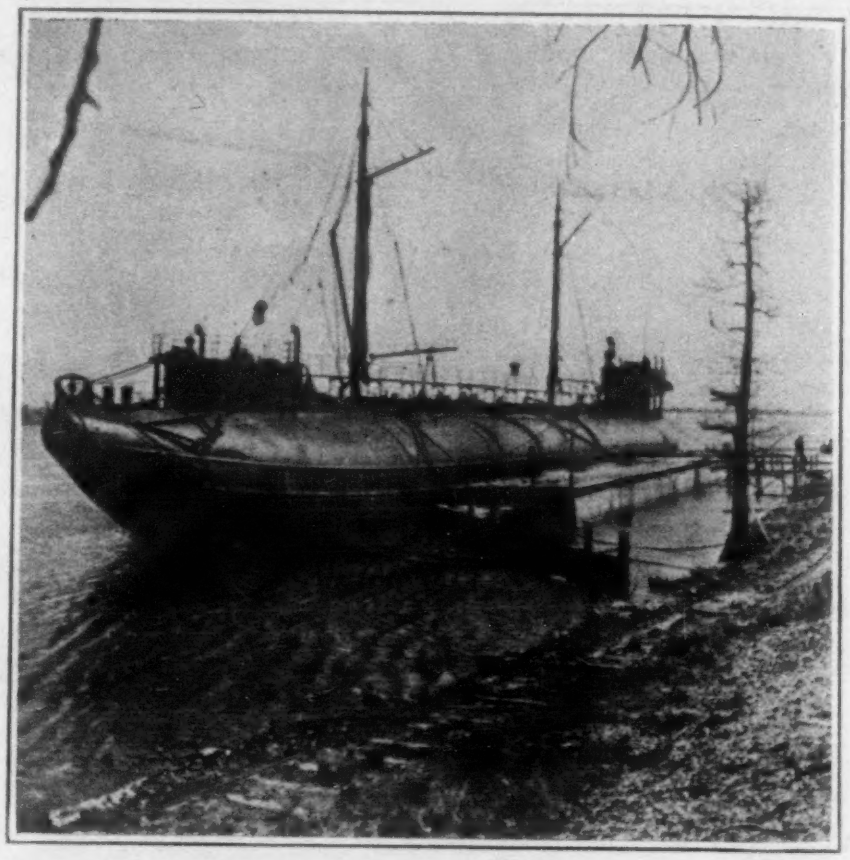

This picture was taken on February 15 when the Dallas was receiving a portion of her first cargo at Port Neches.

Sea-going craft are now regular visitors to Neches river points as far north as Beaumont. This has been made possible by the completion of the 10-foot channel from the mouth of the Neches to the Port Arthur and Sabine ship channel. The first and largest of the ocean-going oil vessels to pass through the new channel was the whaleback barge Dallas of The Texas Company's fleet, which came up to Port Neches on February 14 and loaded asphalt oil at The Texas refinery. The Dallas is 264 feet long, 36 feet in breadth and draws 17 feet when loaded. She received only a portion of her cargo at Port Neches, and went out drawing less than 10 feet, loading full at Port Arthur. On February 21 the Higgins Oil & Fuel Company's big sea-going tug, Higgins, came up from Sabine with the three masted barge Gusher and tied up at the Higgins Company's wharf at the foot of Pearl street, Beaumont, where the Gusher took on a cargo of Spindletop crude from the Higgins pipe line, for transfer to Sabine. President and General Manager C. L. Wallis invited a number of prominent citizens of Beaumont, including the deep-water committee, to take a trip down the river on the Higgins. The tug made a quick run down to a point about a mile above Port Neches, and Mr. Wallis' guests enjoyed it thoroughly. The tug and barge went out next day, and have returned for several cargoes since then. Beaumont will hereafter be a regular loading point for the Higgins Company's vessel shipments. The Neches river is 30 to 40 feet deep at Beaumont.

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Louisiana districts with 17,400 barrels as against 20,710 barrels on February 29, the aggregate production on March 15 being put at 53,080 barrels as against 55,795 barrels on February 29.

THE CRUDE OIL MARKET.

A cut of 3 cents on Sour Lake, Humble and Louisiana oil was posted by The Texas Company on March 13, making its credit balance prices 72 cents for Sour Lake, 71 cents for Saratoga, 70 for Humble and 67 for Jennings and Shreveport (Caddo). On the next day the Sun Company and the Gulf Pipe Line Company each posted a cut of 3 cents on Humble oil, leaving the other districts unchanged. The price of Humble oil in the credit balance quotations posted by all of the pipe lines is now uniform at 70 cents. Oil is selling on cars at Humble and Jennings at 77 to 80 cents. Effective March 16 the Navarro Refining Company reduced the price of Corsicana light oil from 95 to 90 cents, Corsicana heavy (Powell) from 70 to 67 cents and Henrietta from 85 to 80 cents. This cut covers all the north Texas districts.

Following are the tables of production on March 15, and well operations for the first two weeks of March and detailed field reports for the same period:

**GULF COAST PRODUCTION ON MARCH 15**

SOUTHEAST TEXAS.

| District. | Feb. 15. | Feb. 29. | Mar. 15. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Saratoga | 6,300 | 7,240 | 8,150 |
| Batson | 5,200 | 5,400 | 4,965 |
| Humble | 9,400 | 9,450 | 10,000 |
| Sour Lake | 5,900 | 6,910 | 6,320 |
| Spindletop | 5,750 | 5,825 | 6,000 |
| Dayton | 240 | 260 | 245 |
| Totals | 32,790 | 35,085 | 35,680 |

LOUISIANA.

| District. | Feb. 15. | Feb. 29. | Mar. 15. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jennings | 16,300 | 18,900 | 16,500 |
| Caddo | 625 | 1,095 | 250 |
| Welsh | 115 | 115 | 150 |
| Anse la Butte | 750 | 600 | 500 |
| Totals | 17,790 | 20,710 | 17,400 |

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GULF COAST REGION.

| District | Feb. 15. | Feb. 29. | Mar. 15. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Southeast Texas | 32,790 | 35,085 | 35,680 |
| Louisiana | 17,790 | 20,710 | 17,400 |
| Totals | 50,580 | 55,795 | 53,080 |

**GULF COAST WELL SUMMARY FIRST TWO WEEKS OF MARCH.**

WELLS COMPLETED.

| District | Com. | Pdc. | Dry. | Abd. | Pdn. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Saratoga | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 55 |
| Batson | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 140 |
| Humble | 12 | 6 | **6 | 16 | 405 |
| Spindletop | 6 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 945 |
| Dayton | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sour Lake | 2 | 1 | *1 | 0 | 150 |
| Jennings | 7 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 7,700 |
| Caddo | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 80 |
| Anse la Butte | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 33 | 24 | 9 | 22 | 9,475 |
| First half February | 37 | 26 | 11 | 12 | 5,620 |
| Difference | 4 | 2 | 2 | 10 | 3,855 |

**2 gassers.
*1 gasser.

WELLS DRILLING AND RIGS.

| District. | Drilling Feb. 29. | Drilling Mar. 15. | Rigs Feb. 29. | Rigs Mar. 15. | Total. Mar. 15. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Saratoga | 4 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 7 |
| Batson | 4 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 12 |
| Humble | 43 | 34 | 3 | 10 | 44 |
| Spindletop | 24 | 26 | 1 | 2 | 28 |
| Dayton | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 2 |
| Sour Lake | 3 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 8 |
| Jennings | 14 | 19 | 15 | 1 | 20 |
| Caddo | 11 | 10 | 9 | 12 | 22 |
| Anse la Butte | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Totals | 110 | 116 | 38 | 33 | 149 |
| Total February 29 | | | | | 148 |

**HUMBLE.**

COMPLETED.

Cleveland 3, Cleveland; 50 Bbls.
Hermann 34, Hermann; 100 Bbls.
Fondren 3, Fant & Freund; 150 Bbls.
Ninety-nine 30, Wren; dry.
Rucker 7, Edgar; 15 Bbls.
Decker & Paddock 2, Bender; gasser.
Woods & Meadows 2, Butler; gasser.
Shanklin Bros. 3, Big Hill; dry.
Sun 41, Bailey; 15 Bbls.
Simms 14, Mason; 75 Bbls.
Osborne 1, King; dry.
Shanklin 2, Heywood; dry.
Completed, 12; producing 6; gassers, 2; dry, 4. New production, 405 Bbls.

DRILLING.

Farish 9, Hirsch; shut down.
Farish 11, Hirsch.
Farish, Agent, 3, Butler (reported March 5 as No. 12 on the Hirsch).

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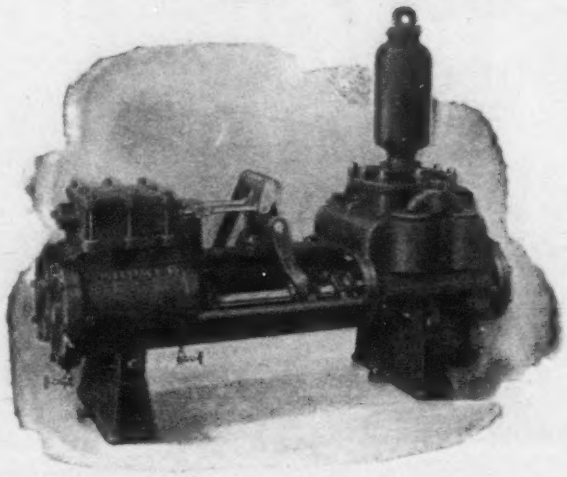

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Simms 1, River lease.
Simms & Farish 15, Mason.
Producers 77, Butler; shut down.
Producers 78, Milliken.
Hermann 35, Hermann.
Hermann 28, Hermann.
Burt-McGaffey 1, Fields.
Ayers 7, Barrett; shut down.
Hermann 2, Hermann; shut down.
Producers 65, Fant & Freund; shut down.
Producers 66, Fant & Freund; shut down.
Producers 74, Hirsch; shut down.
Burt-McGaffey 6, Stevens.
McKallip & Fondren 3, Rogers; shut down.
Cheek & Orr 1, Cheek 1-3 acre; fishing.
Swarthout Bros. 1, Lone Acre.
Rucker 1, Denman.
Eckols 8 ,Eckols.
Producers 80, Fant & Freund.
Fondren 4, Fant & Freund.
Hermann 36, Hermann
Hermann 37, Hermann.
Moore & Mitchell 1, Butler.
Drilling, 34.

RIGS.

Harper 19, Wren.
Cleveland 4, Cleveland.
Higgins 1, Higgins.
Hermann 38, Hermann.
Hremann, 39, Hermann.
Hermann 40, Hermann.
Kirk Hamil and others 1, O'Burn acre.
Charpiot and others 2, Charpiot.
Turnover 3, Butler.
Producers 79, Reed.
Rigs, 10.

ABANDONED.

Sun 37, Holmes.
Webb 4, Cherry.
Farish 6, Hirsch.
Tom Ward 7, Hirsch.
Decker & Paddock 1, Adams.
Harper 18, Wren.
Charpiot 1, Charpiot.
Shanklin Bros. 2, Heywood; dry.
Hermann 1, Hermann.
Starlight 4, Holmes.
Dean & O'Laughlin 1, Holmes.
Devore 4, Hermann.
Harper 15, Wren; dry.
Kirk Hamil 1, Donlin.
Kirk Hamil 2, Donlin.
Farish, Agent, 1, Butler.
Abandoned, 16.

NOTE.

None of the foregoing abandoned wells had been completed except those stated as dry.

**DAYTON.**

COMPLETED.

None.

DRILLING.

Dayton 1, Sec. 125; shut down.
Sun 21, West Liberty.
Drilling, 2.

**SOUR LAKE.**

COMPLETED.

Texas 119, Texas; 150 Bbls.
Texas 120, Texas; gasser.
Completions, 2; producing, 1; gasser, 1. New production, 150 Bbls.

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DRILLING.

Chappel & Drake 2, Wirt Davis; waiting for standard rig.
Edna 1, Jackson; shut down.
Gordon & Bowser 1, Cannon.
Hardin Co. 9, Hardin Co.; shut down (reported March 5 as No. 4).
Drilling, 4.

RIGS.

Texas 121, Texas.
Heidner & Hart 4, Cannon.
Lone Pipe Co. 2, Sour Lake Townsite.
Chappel & Drake 3, Wirt Davis.
Rigs, 4.

**SPINDLETOP.**

COMPLETED.

Bowles 9, block 20, Gladys; 10 Bbls.
Unity Oil Co., Gladys flats; 10 Bbls.
Unity 29, block 23, S. T. H.; 25 Bbls.
Big Five 8, McFaddin; 600 Bbls.
Bowles 5, McFaddin; 300 Bbls.
Caston and Halliday 4, block 38, Hogg-Swayne; salt water.
Completed, 6; producing, 5; dry, 1. New production 945 Bbls.

DRILLING.

Sun 1, McFaddin, fishing.
Moore & Callighan, McFaddin, shut down.
D. E. Hirshfield 1, McFaddin, shut down.
Wagner, Teagle, Wilson and others, block 36, Hogg-Swayne, shut down.
J. C. Wilson and Sun Co., McFaddin, shut down.
Deming and others, McFaddin, shut down.
T. C. Stribling and others 1, block 38, Hogg-Swayne, shut down.
Benkenstein & Nelson 2, (Columbus, Louisiana Oil Co.) Cissel lease, ready to pump; trouble with sand.
Aetna Oil Co. 1, block 21, Gladys, drilling in.
Stribling, Speed and others, block 5, Gladys, ready to set strainer.
Sunshine 5, McFaddin, shut down (Same as O. W. Myers).
Big Five 7, McFaddin, drilling in.
Big Five 9, McFaddin, setting strainer.
Big Five 10, McFaddin.
Thrasher and others, block 5 ,Gladys.
Bowles 6, McFaddin.
Bowles 7, McFaddin.
Guffey 34, McFaddin, setting strainer.
Guffey 99 and 100, Gladys.
Silverman and others, 150 ft. west of Thresher and others well on block 5, Gladys.
Lucky Strike 4, McFaddin, bailing.
Benkenstein & Nelson 2 (Columbus, Louisiana Oil Co.), Gladys.
Bowles 10, Gladys.
F. D. Smith & Co. 12, old Heywood lease.
F. D. Smith & Co. 11, old Heywood lease, dry; may drill deeper.
Drilling, 26.

RIGS.

Bowles 8, McFaddin.
D. E. Hirshfield 2, McFaddin.

DERRICKS.

Bowles 9 and 11, McFaddin.
Derricks, 2.

**BATSON.**

COMPLETED.

Guffey 77, Wing; 100 Bbls.
Browning 10, Thaxton; 20 Bbls.
Reliance 5, Oriole; 20 Bbls.
Completed, 3; producing, 3. New production, 140 Bbls.

DRILLING.

Batson 3, Hamil.
Meehan 4, Mary Ellen.
Acorn 10, Paraffine 30 acres.
Paraffine 1, Green.
Cubberly 2, Green.
Guffey 79, Wing.
Browning 10, State land (reported March 5 as No. 9).
Denman 1, Thrasher.
Allison, Colorado.
Edwards-Hefley 2, Milhome.
Reliance 10, Oriole.
Drilling, 11.

RIGS.

Ada Belle 13, Honeymoon.

DERRICKS.

Guffey 80, Wing.
Browning 11, Thaxton.
Guffey 8, Marshall.
Derricks, 3.

LOCATIONS.

Guffey 9, 10 and 12, Marshall.

**SARATOGA.**

COMPLETED.

Guffey 4, strip 4, Hopkins; 25 Bbls.
Tarver 3, Kirby strip; 30 Bbls.

Completed, 2; producers, 2; new production, 55 Bbls.

DRILLING.

Rio Bravo 246, Rio Bravo.
Britton 9, Deutser.
Santa Fe 18, Santa Fe.
Peerless 2, McSnane; waiting for standard rig.
Drilling, 4.
D. E. Hirshfield 2, McFaddin.

DERRICKS.

Guffey 12, Phillips.
Sun 40, R. H. Kirby strip, Jordit survey.
Sun 41, Texas Crude strip, Hopkins.
Rigs, 3.

DRILLED DEEPER.

Rio Bravo 238, Rio Bravo, 1500 ft.; 2000 Bbls oil 21 gravity.
Rio Bravo 242, Rio Bravo, 2600 Bbls net oil.
Crude Oil 1, J. H. Kirby strip, 100 Bbls. net oil; 21 gravity.
Britton 2, Nona Mills; salt water.

### JENNINGS.

COMPLETED.

Heywood Oil Co. 3, Acadia; 200 Bbls.
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Producers 1, Eunice-Crowley; salt water.
Ismerie 1, Schultz; 1200 Bbls.
Noble 3, Eunice-Crowley, west side; 100 Bbls.
J. H. O. S. 51, Lekelt; 200 Bbls.
Zigler 1, Schultz; 3000 Bbls.
Completed, 7; producing, 6; dry, 1. New production, 7,700 Bbls.

DRILLING.

C. O. & M. 36, Fee Simple.
Producers 29, 35, 37, 38, 39 and 40, Latrenie 40 acres.
Heywood Oil Co. 5, Acadia.
Interstate 2, Schultz.
Zigler 2, Schultz.
Jennings Oil Co. 13, Clement.
J. H. O. S. 52, Southern lease (3 miles south of field).
J. H. O. S. 53, Fee Simple.
J. H. O. S. 54, Fee Simple
Producers 1, McFarland.
Ismerie 2, Schultz.
Mattison 5, Acadia.
Hill & Knott 1, Coffin.
McFarland 1, McFarland.
Drilling, 19.

RIGS.

Zigler, Banks, Mattison 1, Tischel.

LOCATIONS.

Heywood Oil Co. 6, Acadia.
Noble 4, Eunice-Crowley.
Producers 2, Eunice-Crowley.
J. H. O. S. 55, Lekelt.
J. H. O. S. 56, Clement.
Zigler 3, Schultz (reported as Zigler 1, Lane, March 5).
National Oil Co. 1 and 2, Schultz.
Locations, 8.

ABANDONED.

Harry 1, Vallee (reported March 5 as Harry 3).
Guffey 18 and 19, Moss.
Producers-Jennings 2, Clement.
Abanndoned, 4.

NOTES.

Duson, Lyons and Hiney 1, on the Shultz and Duson, Lyons 1, on the McFarland, reported separately in issue March 5, are the same well called Ismerie 1, among the completions this issue.

Crowley Oil & Mineral 27, on the Fee Simple, reported in the drilling list March 5, is drilling deeper.

The Hall air compressor recently purchased of the Haubtman & Loeb Company of New Orleans by W. Scott Heywood for the Jennings-Heywood Syndicate at Jennings has been severely tested and is reported operating satisfactorily. Its rated capacity is 1200 feet of air under 1000 pounds pressure. The test was made on Syndicate 15, on which the two or three compressors of smaller capacity previously installed had produced only salt water, with the result that a production of 400 barrels of net oil was secured. The machine ran very cool under this test. It is of a special design to meet the particular requirements of this installation.

### CADDO.

COMPLETED.

Blanchard 1, Offenhauser; 80 Bbls.

DRILLING.

Richardson 2, Mayfield.
Producers 1, Evans.
Producers 1, Homestead.
Caddo G. & O. 8, Offenhauser.
Richardson 2, Pitts.
Townsite 1, Richardson.
Producers 2, Heilperin and Liebman.
Daniel and Alday 1, Wadkins.
Big Four 2, Guy 5 acres.
Richardson 1, Pitts.
Drilling, 10.

RIGS.

Texla 3, Heilperin and Liebman.
Caddo G. & O. 5, 6 and 11, Smith.
Caddo G. & O. 12, McDowell 10 acres.
Benedum & Trees 2, Dixon.
Benedum & Trees 1, S. W. 1-4 Sec. 12.
Benedum & Trees 3, Rudersdorf.
Benedum & Trees 4, S. E. 1-4 Sec. 32 1-4 mile S. E. of Richardson 1.
Blanchard 2, Offenhauser.
Richardson 3, Mayfield.
Rigs, 12.

### ANSE LA BUTTE.

COMPLETED.

None.
Lake 8, R. Martin; 2000 feet in rock.
H. B. O. C. & Guffey 2, La. Pet.; 2050 ft.
H. B. O. C. & Guffey 1, Hebert; shut down at 2110 feet.
Grow 1, Patin; 2100 feet.
H. B. O. C. 1, Patin; shut down.
H. B. O. C. 12, Pourceaux; shut down.

DERRICKS.

H. B. O. C. 1, Alcee Melancon.
Guffey 2, Hebert.
Robert Martin 1, R. Martin fee simple.
Moresi Brothers, Pourceaux.
Deborah Oil Company 1, Guedry.
H. B. O. C. 2, Patin.
Derricks, 6.

NOTE.

Lake No. 6 and 7 are producing about 500 barrels, net oil, daily.

### WILDCAT NOTES.

It is reported from Texarkana that the Clifford Well Company has closed a contract for a 2000 foot well, 24 miles south of Arkadelphia on the Ouchita river, for the Grayson-McLeod Lumber Company of St. Louis. Three wells are reported to have been drilled there with standard tools, but did not reach a determining depth. A good showing of gas and oil was found at 600 and 1200 feet. A rotary will be used in the new well, due to the caving material.

In the well being drilled by the Clifford Well Company for the Cheneyville Oil Company, five miles west of Cheneyville, La., and 32 miles northeast of Jennings, La., a good showing of oil and considerable gas were encountered at 1400 feet.

The American Sulphur and Oil Company has struck a showing of sulphur and oil at between 500 and 600 feet in the Trinity River bottom in the West Liberty (Texas) field. The company is trying to core the deposit for testing.

The Texas Company will sink a test well at Concord, in Leon County, where one of the stations on its Oklahoma-Texas pipe line is situated. The rig has been shipped from Sour Lake and Bob Patrick will drill the well.

### INCORPORATED.

**Texas.**

Aaron Oil Company of Beaumont; capital stock $3000. Incorporators, S. W. Pipkin, W. L. Douglas, E. C. Wiess, Randall Silverman and Charles Rader.

Interstate Oil Company of Beaumont; capital stock $5000. Incorporators, C. D. Hill, W. B. Tucker, Mark Wiess, A. L. Downer and Randall Silverman.

**Louisiana.**

The J. Y. S. Company of Lafayette organized with $30,000 capital stock to develop oil wells in Anse la Butte field; Albert Estopinal, president; J. Y. Sanders, vice-president; J. A. Estopinal, secretary; Andre M. Martin, general manager. George Hillebrand will be driller and be in charge of operations.

The Oil City Drilling Company, of Shreveport, capitalied at $24,000, with George H. Butler, of Corsicana, Tex., president, has been organized for the purpose of drilling gas and oil wells in the Caddo field.

**Oklahoma.**

Swastika Oil Company of Tulsa; capital $10,000; incorporated by E. T. Tucker, Chas. W. Grimes, O. K. Eysenback.

Bixby Oil and Gas Company of Bixby, $50,000 capital; incorporators, S. L. Inglert, J. A. Severns and H. Best.

Alpha Oil Company of Tulsa, $10,000 capital; incorporators, Billie Wanner, J. M. Ward and W. W. Cornelius.

Idicute Oil Company, of Tulsa, $50,000 capital; incorporators James, Timothy and A. E. Cremin.

Union Oil and Gas Company of Oklahoma City, incorporated with $20,000 capital stock by O. A. Lambert, Harry Ross and S. S. Arming.

Vinita Big Cabin Development Company of Vinita, incorporated with $50,000 capital stock by W. E. Morgan, E. E. Yates, David Joseph and others.

Ruby Oil Company of Muskogee, incorporated with $50,000 capital stock by L. B. Elyea, G. W. Grove and F. W. Marlowe.

Commercial Oil Company of Muskogee, incorporated with $5000 capital stock by M. R. Williams, A. A. Kinney, A. A. Dacison and Emerson Priddy.

The Wain Natural Gas Company of Owen Station, has been chartered with $25,000 capital. Incorporators, Charles Owen, Dan Gcernsey and G. Walter Connelly, all of Caney.

Alpha Oil Company of Tulsa, incorporated with capital stock of $10,000 by Wm. Wanner, J. M. Ward, and W. W. Cornelius.

Gale Oil Company of Muskogee, incorporated with capital stock of $50,000 by L. B. Belgee, W. D. Ford and Robt. Jordan.

Wilse Oil Company of Okmulgee, incorporated with capital stock of $10,000 by C. M. Witter, W. N. Cory and D. A. Wooley.

**West Virginia.**

The Red River Oil and Gas Company has been incorporated with $100,000 capital at Wheeling, W. Va., to develop oil and gas lands in Grayson, Cooke, and Fannin counties, Texas. As announced in the application for charter which was granted the objects of the same is to develop oil and gas in certain North Texas lands already acquired and to be hereafter acquired. The officers are as follows: President, C. Ferguson of Hallidays Cove, W. Va., already largely interested in oil, gas and coal as well as electric railways; vice president, W. H. Hoyt, of Wellsburg, W. Va., prominent eastern realty dealer, with an office in New York City; secretary and treasurer, B. D. Tillinghast, of McDonald, Pa., manager of extensive machine shop interests. Four directors were named, as follows: C. Ferguson, W. H. Hoyt, Jasper Smith of New Cumberland, W. Va., and Howard Smith, of Toronto, Ohio. The latter are two extensive tile and brick manufacturers, as well as being interested in gas, oil and coal. The fifth place in the directorate is kept open for a Texas member, should local interests demand it.

### BEXAR COUNTY OIL AND GAS LEASES.

Josey & Hamill have filed for record at San Antonio oil and gas leases on 1500 acres of land along Elm Creek south of the Medina river and about three miles southwest of the Mission field in Bexar County, as follows:

D. A. Frame and wife, 329 acres on the Medina river.
Felix and Anastora Perales, 26 acres out of the Jett survey, on Elm Creek.
T. P. Daugherty, 153 acres, out of the C. A. Yoakum survey.
H. W. Miller, 90 acres, out of the Saiz survey 40.
F. W. Munk, 376 acres, C. A. Yoakum survey 39.
Mrs. T. Flores, 45 acres, on the Palo Alto road.
W. B. Kerr, 104 acres, south side Medina river.
Daniel and I. H. Diaz, 100 acres, in C. A. Yoakum survey.
S. W. Jett, 60 acres, out of the old original Saiz survey.
Pedro Menjares, 96 acres, out of Jett survey on Medina river.
J. W. Ernest, 193 acres, out of homestead tract.

All the leases are on the royalty basis of one-eighth on oil and one tenth on gas.

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## VERDICT IN BENDER CASE IN FAVOR OF R. E. BROOKS.

After a trial lasting more than two weeks the jury in the case of Lena Bender against R. E. Brooks and others which was heard before Judge C. E. Ashe in the Eleventh District Court at Houston returned a verdict in favor of the defendants on the night of March 9. The suit involved about 800,000 barrels of oil produced in the Humble field. Another case, styled C. Bender, Sr., against W. W. Harrall and involving practically the same issues, is yet to be tried. The plaintiffs in the Bender-Brooks suit will try to get a new trial.

A resume of the Bender case fol: lows:

In the Spring of 1905, C. Bender, Sr., brought suit against J. T. Mason, R. E. Brooks, W. W. Harrall an others, to recover a tract of land amounting to 663 acres out of the Robert Dunman survey which is in the Humble oil field in Harris County. Mason had theretofore been the claimant of the whole of the 663 acres, but some six or eight months previously, had sold ten acres of it to R. E. Brooks, and another ten acres to Harrall.

After the case had gone to trial it developed that the attorneys representing Brooks and Harrall had not been served with the notice of the filing of title papers, whereupon the plaintiff dismissed his suit as to Brooks and Harrall and eliminated from his claim the two ten-acre blocks that had theretofore been sold by Mason to these parties.

The case proceeded to trial against Mason for the balance of the land, and Judge Ashe, after holding the case under advisement for some two or three months, gave judgment for Bender for the land in controversy. The point at issue as between Bender and Mason was as to which had the title as shown by the instruments introduced in evidence. A corporation known as the Houston Lumber Company had once been the owner of the land. It had sold it to Milledge & Calhoun, reserving a vendor's lien to secure four promissory notes. After Milledge & Calhoun had bought this land they sold it to Bender, and Bender put his deed upon record. Later on, Mason became the owner of two of these vendor's lien notes and instituted a foreclosure proceeding in the District Court of Harris County against Milledge & Calhoun, and recovered judgment against them, foreclosing his lien. The land was sold out under this foreclosure proceeding and bought in for the benefit of Mason. Although Bender had placed his deed of record, he was not made a party to this suit, and in the contest over the title between him and Mason, he offered to pay off the notes and claimed to have the title to the land conditioned only on his paying these notes. Judge Ashe held with him, which judgment so entered by Judge Ashe, was affirmed by the Court of Civil Appeals and writ of error refused by the Supreme Court.

After Brooks and Harrall had been dismissed out of the suit brought by Bender, a new suit was filed against them for the two ten-acre tracts that they had purchased, this suit, of course being of the same character as had originally been brought against Mason. The suit aganist Brooks for the ten acres is the case that was tried recently in Judge Ashe's court, before a jury.

Upon this last trial, the defendants interposed three separate defenses to the action. They claimed first, that Bender had made statements that he did not own the land; that Brooks bought it on the faith of these statements, and that Bender and those claiming under him were therefore estopped to assert any title that they might have had to the land. Another defense was that the deed made by Milledge & Calhoun to Bender in 1889 was intended as a mortgage and consequently not effective to pass title. The third contention was that certain parties who owned land on the Strange survey (which adjoins the Dunman), had built a fence and taken in some two or three acres of the Dunman survey; that they had cultivated and used this small strip for a period of more than five years and that this was done under an agreement made with Mason to the effect that this party might occupy and use this strip of land upon the condition that he would look after the whole of the Dunman survey, keep trespassers off of it, and hold it for Mason, and that therefore Bender's claim to the Dunman was barred by the statute of five years' limitation.

The jury returned a verdict sustaining the defendants' pleas of limitation.

## AN EASTERN OPERATOR'S VIEWS ON THE SAN ANTONIO DEVELOPMENT.

In a letter to The Petroleum Gazette W. G. Long of Terre Haute, Ind., who has been looking over the oil prospects near San Antonio, Tex., says:

"That there is oil here there is no doubt as the experiments show that there is a great area of land that has had some experimental work done, and all have been in a measure successful in finding oil. The way they operate their wells after they have drilled them is a criminal waste of money. Think of using gasoline at 20c a gallon for their engines when they have plenty of gas; or using a steam head and firing their boiler with wood at $4 per cord, where they have oil; or paying a pumper $5 per day for eight hours' work, and furnishing two helpers. Think of hauling the oil ten miles at 35c per barrel in a tank wagon that holds twenty-one barrels to the load, to a market that is ready and willing to contract for from one to three thousand barrels per day. * * * * * * *

"I have found in the oil companies operating here very congenial, courteous and affable gentlemen. They are willing to convey to any and all information at hand, and have always given me an audience, and were very frank in stating the facts as they see them and know them. The gentlemen who I am especially indebted to for information contained herein are Major Bright of the Walsh Oil Company and Mr. Fitzgerald. These men, in their different ways have worked for the development of this oil field. I regret to say that the land owners have not impressed me so favorably. By their 'dog-in-the-manger' tactics they have injured themselves and have driven away many good oil producers by their arbitrary demands. I have actually seen oil leases in this place covering eight closely written pages of legal paper. Life was too short to peruse but I wish to say each lease so written contained a plenty. It is the old story. Where initial work is being done every man who owns an acre of land is absolutely certain that the oil jugular is under his farm, and makes his demands accordingly, not as an experimental proposition, but as an absolute certainty. Then we have the embryotic geologist always with us, and they say there is never any of them that dies and that they are born every minute. This kind always makes an oil man feel like grabbing his pocketbook and yelling 'police.' He is here."

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### HEYWOOD OIL COMPANY'S MARCH DIVIDEND.

The Heywood Oil Company on March 15 paid its twenty-sixth dividend, the amount being $2 per share, a reduction of $1 as compared with the regular rate. An investment of over $200,000, out of earnings, in Oklahoma oil properties and tankage has been made in the last nine or ten months and while the company had ample funds to pay the regular $3 dividend it was thought best to make the cut. The company's investment in steel tankage alone in the Glenn field is $90,000. When this storage is filled—it now contains over 275,000 barrels of oil—the company will have enough oil on hand, with the tankage, to reimburse it for the entire Oklahoma outlay. In addition to the oil it is storing the Heywood Company is shipping about 2,000 barrels a day from the Glenn field. The new lease of the company on the west side of the Jennings, La., field is being developed, one of the wells recently completed on its lease having made 3,000 barrels the first 24 hours. Four wells have been completed on the lease. Accompanying the dividend checks Captain Tyrrell, president of the company, sent the following letter to stockholders:

To the Stockholders of the Heywood Oil Company:—Enclosed we beg to hand you our check for $2.00 per share on all stock standing in your name on the books of the company.

The reason we are paying a two per cent dividend, instead of our customary three per cent, is on account of the low price, as well as small demand, compared to production, of the Oklahoma oil, which has forced us to build considerable steel tankage in order to protect our interests. We have now completed over 330,000 barrels of steel storage, in which we have about 275,000 barrels of high grade oil and expect to fill the balance in a very short time. These tanks and oil are well insured and we consider them an excellent asset. Besides this we have been doing a large amount of development work, and our Oklahoma properties are now considered as being very valuable, and, as is our custom, we have no indebtedness, except current bills.

Our Texas and Louisiana properties still produce a fair revenue and we consider the future outlook for the company as being very bright. Our annual statement will be issued next month and we think you will like it.

Our regular annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14th. If you are not able to attend same in person, please fill out the attached proxy and deliver to some one who will attend, or return to this office properly executed. Yours truly, Heywood Oil Company, By W. C. Tyrrell, Pres. and Gen. Mgr.

The Heywood Company has paid to date 86 per cent in dividends, or $688,000.

### VESSEL SHIPMENTS OF OIL FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

During February, 1908, the vessel shipments of crude oil from San Francisco amounted to 6,342,000 gallons, against 630,000 gallons in February, 1907. Vessel shipments of refined oil from the same port in February, 1908, amounted to 5,334,776 gallons as compared with 4,925,000 gallons in the corresponding month last year.

### WANTED.

I will consider a proposition from a reliable oil company or driller to drill a test well upon the Southeast 160 of Sec. 26-17-12 Glenn oil field, Okla. Address R. F. DOWELL, Agency, Mo.

## RESUME OF ILLINOIS OIL DEVELOPMENT.

A correspondent of the Oil Investors' Journal in Illinois writes of the development in that state, and present conditions, as follows:

The field in which oil has been commercially developed extends from Cumberland and Clark counties south through Crawford and Lawrence counties, being about 60 miles long, but oil is not found continuously over this area, the territory being spotted. About 6300 producing wells had been completed up to February 1, and the pipe line runs in February averaged 85,000 barrels a day. The field is practically defined in Clark County, particularly north of Casey. The Union Township pool in Cumberland County is also pretty well defined. The sand here is found at from 400 to 575 feet. In the Westfield and Parker township pools north of Casey in Clark County the wells are shallow, being from 280 to 330 feet deep. The oil from these pools contains about four-tenths of one per cent of sulphur and tests about 30 degrees Beaume in gravity. The wells are small pumpers. All the oil is handled expeditiously and the pipe line capacity is ample. This is the elder part of the Illionis field.

The Johnson township pool is south of Casey, in Clark County, and the wells are better producers than those in the northern part of the county. The pay is found at 475 to 700 feet. At Martinsville, Clark County, is situated the main pump station of the Ohio Oil Company and from this point the various lines of the Ohio Company radiate, the most recently completed being the new 8 inch one to the Wood river refinery, near Alton, on the Mississippi river. There seems little doubt that Wood river will become a very important refining center. The products will be marketed throughout the Mississippi Valley by barges on the Mississippi and the streams which are tributary to it. This will effect a great saving of freight and will make the Standard independent to a great extent of the railroads in the matter of moving large supplies of finished products.

The Crawford County field is large, and not yet fully defined. The wells are of good capacity, 10 to 100 barrels, and the sand is found at 950 to 980 feet. The oil is free from sulphur and contains considerable paraffine. This field is capable of extensive development. At present the roads are atrocious and little new work is under way or can be done until dry weather prevails. The Ohio Company is taking the production to the full capacity of its pipe lines, but under present conditions cannot handle all that is offered and no increase in output is probable for several months at least. Producers have provided comparatively little tankage and the Ohio Company is running as much as is possible. The price paid, 68 cents, is reasonable considering the glut of oil, and the immense stocks of Oklahoma crude.

In the southeast part of Crawford County, six and one-half miles from Robinson, there is a small pool of very heavy oil. The Ohio Oil Company does not run it, but it is sold by the producers for fuel. The oil is obtained at 965 feet. The gravity is about 21 to 22, and while heavy its odor is not offensive. Shipments are small and many of the wells are not pumped because the limited supply of tankage is full. There are also one or two new wells southwest of Duncanville, near Flatrock. A large field may be developed in that vicinity.

The center of the Lawrence County field is at Bridgeport, where the Ohio Oil Company has an extensive tank farm. Some of the best wells in the state are situated near Bridgeport, many pumping 100 barrels or more daily. The oil is free from sulphur and the gravity runs as high as 39.3 degrees Beaume. The wells vary in depth from 900 to 1500 feet. The production is capable of increase, for the pipe lines cannot handle all the oil. The roads are almost impassable and little development can be expected for some time. There is very little grumbling at the price paid by the Ohio Oil Company. It is recognized that the pipe line company has taken care of the output to the best of its ability. No advance in prices is looked for, nor does it appear that any great increase or decrease in output will occur in the near future.

There are several small refineries in operation in Illinois, one taking oil from the Union Township pool, northwest of Casey and another the Robinson Refining Company, at Robinson in Crawford County. The one near Casey simply removes the lighter products and ships it for refining. The heavy residuum is sold for fuel. Shipments are made by tank cars.

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The Texas Company will pay its regular quarterly dividend of $3 a share on March 31.

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W. E. Brice of Mason City, Ia., has been in Beaumont recently, looking after his oil interests.

## NATURAL GAS FOR ST. LOUIS?

Five companies are seeking a franchise to pipe St. Louis for natural gas. The City Council has heard the promoters or their representatives and has the proposals under consideration. Gas at 35 cents a thousand is offered in the proposition of Kansas and Oklahoma people who propose to pipe the supply from the two states named. In a statement to the St. Louis Council they estimate the outlay necessary to carry out their plans at $16,000,000. The promoters behind this proposition are: James O. Rogers, president of the Lanyon Zinc Company, Iola, Kan.; George A. Bolus, president of the Iola National Bank; Dallas C. Byers of the A. M. Byers Pipe Company of Pittsburg, Pa.; Willis B. Hale, a retired capitalist of Cleveland, Ohio, and George V. Reynolds of Reynolds & Reynolds, St. Louis.

The other companies offering gas are: The St. Louis County Gas and Oil Company, a syndicate of record at Clayton. Those principally interested include A. R. Deacon, secretary of the Lambert Pharmacal Company; George R. Blickhahn, a stock holder in the same company; Hon. D. C. Taylor, public administrator of St. Louis County, and others. The Madison Gas and Oil Company is a corporation formed under the laws of Illinois. Among the stockholders are Wm. H. Journey, mayor of Grafton, Ill.; J. Fowler, a wealthy landowner of Upper Alton, Ill., John P. Farrington, a real estate man of St. Louis.

The Macoupin Gas and Oil Company is a corporation organized under the laws of Illinois. Among the prominent stockholders are F. S. Schultz, a banker and elevator man of Shipman, Ill.; J. Irving Smith, a wealthy farmer of Shipman; W. H. Pommer, a member of the faculty of the Missouri State University, and others. The Medora Gas and Oil Company is now in process of formation as a stock company and has applied for a charter from the state of Illinois. Among its principal stockholders are J. P. Roodhouse, cashier of the Bank of Medora; A. Carter, one of the wealthiest men of Medora; W. H. Pommer and others.

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The Oil Well Supply Company has enlarged its warehouse at Beaumont by the construction of a 50 foot addition.

A test at Edina, Mo., forty miles west of Quincy, Ill., is reported 1050 feet deep, with 100 feet of sand in which a trace of oil was encountered and much salt water.

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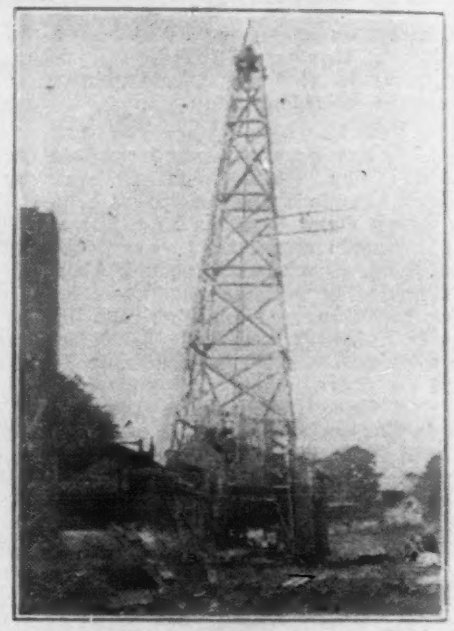

## OIL DEVELOPMENT IN THE STATE OF TABASCO, MEXICO.

Tabasco, adjoining the state of Vera Cruz, Mexico, on the east, abounds in oil indications. Outcrops of asphaltum are common. A cane, stuck into any of the asphalt beds, when withdrawn will show oil dripping from the end. About 15 years ago the first attempt was made to develop oil. The governor of the state caused a well to be sunk to a depth of 280 feet near Macuspana and this well has produced at intervals since. Three years ago the firm of S. Pearson & Son secured concessions to drill in Tabasco. They cleaned out the old well and put a pump on it. It produces about 25 barrels a day, the oil being shipped to Coatzacoalcos for use on the Tehuantepec National railroad for lubricating purposes.

The Pearsons have drilled ten wells near Macuspana, the development being in a circle around an area of about five acres. Gas blowouts have interfered with the completion of these tests. One was drilled to 2185 feet under the direction of a practical oil man last year, but no pay sand was found. The company's geologist predicts a gusher at 2500 feet in this locality. In the latter part of 1907 the Pearsons started a test about 30 miles from the Macuspana development and at 185 feet found a pay sand carrying 42 gravity oil, closely resembling the fourth Pennsylvania sand. It is estimated that wells completed in this sand would make 4 or 5 barrels. The hole was sunk to 1000 feet without further result.

Recently a Canadian company acquired some land near San Juan Bautista, the capital of Tabasco, and will try to develop it with pole tools. Those who have had experience in the district express the opinion that it is a rotary proposition and that pole tools will not be a success.

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A. M. Britton has returned from a trip to Tulsa where he went to look at the deep well near Mounds, in which he is interested.

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## KANSAS CITY REFINING COMPANY TO ENLARGE ITS PLANT.

It is announced from Kansas City that the Kansas City Oil Company will enlarge its refinery and distributing works at Troup avenue and First street, Kansas City, Kas., from the present daily capacity of 5000 barrels to a daily capacity of 1,200 barrels. The company will also move its general offices to Kansas City, Kas. The Kansas City Oil Company was organized in January, 1907, with a capital stock of one million dollars. Its refinery and distributing works were built early last year at a cost of one-half million dollars. The company has since then been bringing crude oil in its own cars from the Kansas fields to Kansas City. The improvements to be made in the coming spring will include thirty-six additional storage tanks, an ice manufacturing plant of 100 tons capacity, twenty new tank cars, a new wax plant, to cost $21,000, five additional boilers and a new two-story office building.

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**New York City.**—E. Steiger & Co., 25 Park Place.

**Chicago, Ill.**—Postoffice News Company, 176 Dearborn Street.


## FUEL OIL FOR BATTLE SHIPS.

The Oil Investors' Journal cannot emphasize too strongly the importance of the facts set forth in the letter of Mr. J. J. Kermode, of Liverpool, the distinguished authority on the use of fuel oil in the British navy, published in the last number of this paper. He writes on a subject that must at an early day enlist the serious attention of our American naval authorities. The facts set forth by Mr. Kermode are simply overwhelming. Any government that will adhere to the exclusive use of coal as a fuel for its navy when oil is obtainable is simply shutting its eyes to manifest efficiency and progress, and must sooner or later break away from a practice that the English navy has already made obsolete.

There are some interesting details as to the use of fuel oil in the English navy under the admirable system designed by Mr. Kermode that were not brought out in his letter to the Oil Investors' Journal to which we may here call attention.

An impression prevails that it is only the English destroyers that are equipped to burn oil. These boats, the swiftest of their class in the world, burn oil exclusively, coal having been discarded alotgether, but as a matter of fact all the new vessels of the English navy, whether battleship, cruiser or scout ship, have been equipped to burn oil. Coal will be used on these vessels only until the time when the British Admiralty can have under its control a sufficient supply of oil to meet all demands. It will naturally take some time to bring about so great a change.

The English navy is now undergoing a complete metamorphosis as a result of the lessons taught by the Russo-Japanese war, and one of the distinctive features of this transformation is the equipment of every vessel whether great or small for the use of oil fuel. The first of the battle ships to be so equipped was the King Edward, finished in 1903. She carries 2,150 tons of coal and is fitted to carry 400 tons of oil Note the difference in the weight of the two kinds of fuel and the consequent difference in space the two kinds must occupy. The King Edward is one of a class of eight ships. Next came the so-called "all-big-gun" battle ships that were built after the Russo-Japanese war. First the Lord Nelson and the Agamemnon with 16,000 tons displacement, speed 18 knots, coal capacity 2,000 tons and storage capacity for 400 tons of oil. These ships bear date of 1906. In the same year was finished the Dreadnought, the biggest and finest battleship in the world, carrying ten 45 calibre 12 inch guns, having a displacement of 17,700 tons, a speed of 21 knots, coal capacity of 2,000 tons and oil capacity 400 tons. Three ships similar to the Dreadnought, with about 700 tons more displacement and even heavier guns, are now approaching completion and three more of the St. Vincent type of between 19,000 and 20,000 tons displacement have just been laid down. All these new and most powerful ships are to have oil equipment.

In the United States navy not a single battleship is equipped for the use of oil as a fuel notwithstanding the fact that America is the greatest oil producing country among all the nations. It is incomprehensible that our naval authorities should be so far behind in a matter of such vital importance and the fact that they are so lends some color to the criticisms now being so persistently and conspicuously made against our naval construction.

## COLONEL MANUEL HIRSH.

One of the newest soldiers in the Southwest is Manuel Hirsh of the Savoy and Tammany Oil Companies at Tulsa, who has been appointed colonel on the staff of Governor Haskell of Oklahoma. The governor and the colonel met at the oil men's banquet at Tulsa on February 29. That the governor was captured by the colonel's most pleasing personality is shown by the fact that he had hardly returned to Guthrie when he sent the colonel the best thing he had in the line of honorary appointments. Colonel Hirsh is an adept in the gentle arts of peace and sociability, and the governor couldn't have picked a better man to represent the oil fraternity on his staff. Here's to you, Colonel Hirsh!

## THE TEXAS COMPANY'S ALBUM.

The Oil Investors' Journal has received a copy of The Texas Company's album of photographic views, illustrating the oil development and oil industry of the Southwest in all its branches. The expansion and extension of the industry is typified in the growth of The Texas Company which is impressively pictured in the album. From a modest beginning at Beaumont in 1902 this company has become one of the most important factors in the development of the Southwestern petroleum industry, occupying a leading position in the production, refining and marketing of Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma oils, having its own pipe line from the Oklahoma field to the Gulf Coast, a distance of 560 miles, three refineries at advantageous points in Texas, convenient for sea and railroad shipping; its own fleet of ocean going tank steamers and barges; its own tank cars and other facilities, and stations throughout the Southwest, on the Atlantic coast and in Europe for the distribution of its many products.

The album issued by the company consists of 50 pages of illustrations, including a map of the Southwest, showing the various oil fields, refining centers, pipe lines and other interesting details. It is bound in genuine seal, and on the front cover is the simple inscription in gold letters: "The Texas Company, 1902-1907." The album is the work of the Exline Company at Dallas, Texas. Accompanying each copy is the following announcement, engraved on hand-made paper:

> In connection with an exhibit at the State Fair held at Dallas, Texas, October-November, 1907, The Texas Company assembled a number of photographs of its properties, consisting of pipe lines, refineries, ships, cars and other facilities then completed or under construction, illustrating its growth for the first five years of its existence. Numerous requests from stockholders and others for copies of such photographs suggested the idea of having them engraved, a few others added and the lot grouped into an album.
>
> We take pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of this album with the compliments of the management, trusting you may find it of interest in showing something of the industrial development of the Southwest.
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## PLEASE DON'T MAKE IT ANY WORSE THAN IT IS.

Speaking on the subject of the proposed gross receipts tax law in the Oklahoma Senate on March 10, Reubin M. Rodie, member of that body from Ada is quoted as having stated that the state of Texas through the operation of its gross receipts law received $900,000 of revenue in 1907. As the matter was reported in the newspapers it gave the erroneous impression that Texas had received this amount from the oil industry alone under the gross receipts law.

Mr. Rodie was $300,000 too high in his figures. Furthermore, the proportion paid by the oil industry was but a little more than a tenth of the whole. For the purpose of getting accurate data the Oil Investors' Journal addressed an inquiry to the comptroller of the state of Texas. In a letter dated March 18, John T. Smith, acting comptroller, states that the amount of gross receipts taxes collected for the year 1907 was about $600,000 of which $65,500 came from the oil industry.

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## GARFIELD WILL MODIFY PIPE LINE REGULATIONS—IMPORTANT LEGISLATION.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—(Special.)—Secretary Garfield has been casting about for a long time to find some method whereby he might bring about increased pipe line facilities for the Oklahoma field. He has not been successful. Now, it is proposed to make the regulations concerning pipe lines less stringent. It has been practically decided to relax the regulations in at least one important particular. It is a requirement of the Interior Department that a pipe line company before entering the public domain must sign an agreement that it will be a common carrier. The Hepburn law makes pipe lines common carriers and has never been tested in the Supreme Court. Should the court knock out that feature of the Hepburn law, then a pipe line company that had signed an agreement such as the Interior Department requires would still be obliged to do a common carrier business. It will be the policy to leave the pipe line companies in such status as they are by law. without requiring the agreement spoken of to be signed. It is believed by Interior Department officials that the effect of this will be to encourage companies to construct additional pipe line facilities.

The proposed legislation for the removal of restrictions in part from the Five Civilized Tribes is still pending and its fate is uncertain. The question of attaching to the bill an amendment which would give the federal courts in Oklahoma jurisdiction over allottees and their property is the one that is causing most of the trouble. Senator Owen is as much opposed to this as ever and on the other hand some of the Senators on the Indian Affairs committee insist, as does the Interior Department, that it is necessary that the federal courts have jurisdiction. It is a matter of doubt how this controversy over the jurisdiction question will come out.

What is regarded in many quarters as the most important development in respect to business and industrial legislation of this session is the introduction in the House by Representative Hepburn of a bill intended to make the Sherman anti-trust law much less drastic. In fact, if enacted, it will pull the teeth of the Sherman law almost completely. The bill is the result of a series of conferences that have taken place at the White House, and elsewhere in the last two months. Such men as Seth Low, Victor Morawetz, Francis Lynde Stetson who represents J. Pierpont Morgan, Commissioner of Corporations Smith and the leading members of the Cabinet have been conferred with. The purpose of the bill is to relieve from the operations of the Sherman anti-trust law industrial corporations, labor unions and granges or organizations of farmers and also to permit railroad corporations to enter into traffic agreements under the supervision of interstate commerce commission. Industrial corporations, labor unions and granges may effect registration with the Department of Commerce and Labor by filing data, such as prescribed, by the president, and such as prescribed by law in the case of unions and granges. When such concerns file the prescribed data they are to be registered and allowed to transact business. Registry is to be cancelled for non-compliance with the law and the regulations of the president. Any registered corporation or association, except common carriers, if party to a contract or combination hereafter made, may file the terms of the same with the Commissioner of Corporations, who may find it unreasonable. A consolidation or merger may be disapproved by the Commissioner of Corporations. Common carriers seeking to effect agreements must file the terms of their contracts with the Interstate Commerce Commission and the approval of the commission is necessary before the carriers can proceed under such contracts. A feature of the bill is that parties injured by a concern that violates the Sherman law can recover, not three-fold daamges as now, but only single damages. Provision is made for general amnesty to combinations that have violated the Sherman law within a year, except that all pending suits are saved and preserved.

Hearings will be conducted toward the close of the month before the House and Senate interstate commerce committees on this far-reaching bill. While President Roosevelt is back of it, and while labor leaders, railroad men and others are for it, there is no doubt it will excite much opposition and it is doubtful whether it can pass this session.

Dr. David T. Day of the Geological Survey is working diligently at the samples of oil from the Illinois field which have been recently collected. He hopes to finish his analyses and have a report out in about two weeks. The showing will be a very interesting one. J. S.

## THE TEXAS COMPANY'S BEAUMONT OFFICE.

Although the general offices of The Texas Company have been removed to Houston, the company retains a branch in the Temperance Hall Building, Beaumont, with C. M. Blackman in charge of the pipe line department and P. E. Hastings handling the telegraph and purchasing ends of the business.

The explosion of a boiler in the Jennings field on March 8 resulted in the death of Nat Connolly, a driller, and the serious injury of A. Sonnier, a teaming contractor.

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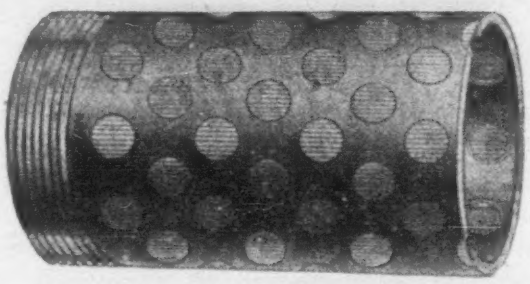

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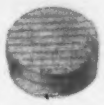

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| DATE | RIG | NAME OF VESSEL | LOADED BY | CONSIGNEE | DESTINATION | GRADE | GULF CRD. | RF'D BBLS. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mar. | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Ss. | Ligonier | Gulf Ref'g Co. | Gulf Ref'g Co. | Bayonne, N. J. | Refined | | 30,377 |
| 2 | " | " | " | " | " | Crude | 3,844 | |
| 4 | Barge | Clarke No. 1 | " | For orders | Guyton & Co. | " | 3,430 | |
| 5 | Ss. | Nor | " | " | Vera Cruz, Mx. | Refined | | 248 |
| 5 | " | Mira | The Texas Co. | " | Liverpool, Eng. | " | | 40,904 |
| 7 | Barge | Magnolia | " | The Texas Co. | Amesville, La. | " | | 6,721 |
| 7 | " | " | " | " | " | Bunker | 185 | |
| 7 | Ss. | Cymbeline | Gulf Ref'g Co. | For orders | Avenmouth & Manchester, En | Refined | | 48,838 |
| 9 | Barge | Shenango | " | G. R. Co. of La. | Gretna, La. | Crude | 13,936 | |
| 9 | " | " | " | " | " | Refined | | 14,351 |
| 9 | Ss. | Larimer | " | Gulf Ref'g Co. | Gibson's Pt. Pa | Crude | 10,738 | |
| 9 | " | " | " | " | " | Refined | | 22,298 |
| 9 | " | " | " | " | " | Asphalt | | 1,244 |
| 11 | " | Petroleum | " | For orders | Portland, Eng. | Refined | | 43,585 |
| 13 | " | La Vigueasa | " | " | Campana, Argentine Rep'b'c | Crude | 6,889 | |
| 13 | Barge | Conneaut | " | Gulf Ref'g Co. | P't Tampa, Fla. | " | 17,614 | |
| 13 | " | Allegheny | " | " | Tampa, Fla. | Refined | | 4,404 |
| 14 | Ss. | Edw. Dawson | The Texas Co. | For orders | Antwerp, Belg. | " | | 17,688 |
| | | | | | | | 56,636 | 230,658 |

Miscellaneous dock deliveries by the Gulf Refining Co. to bunkers, tugs and barges, Crude 1,548

Miscellaneous dock deliveries by The Texas Company to tugs and barges, Crude ..... *635

TOTAL BARRELS FOR FIRST HALF OF MARCH ..... 58,819 230,658

*Oklahoma Crude

## SHIPMENTS OF OIL FROM SABINE

| DATE | RIG | NAME OF VESSEL | LOADED BY | CONSIGNEE | DESTINATION | GRADE | GULF CRD. | RF'D BBLS. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mar. | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Barge | Gusher | H. O. & F. Co. | Guyton & Co. | Galveston, Tex. | Crude | †4,624 | |
| 2 | " | " | " | " | " | " | 2,915 | |
| 3 | Ss. | Paraguay | Sun P. L. Co. | Sun Co. | Marcus Hook | " | 17,952 | |
| 3 | " | Washtenaw | Security Oil Co. | Standard O. Co. | New York | Refined | | 25,686 |
| 9 | " | Genessee | " | " | " | Gas Oil | | 28,248 |
| 15 | " | Toledo | Sun P. L. Co. | Sun Co. | Marcus Hook | Crude | 21,011 | |
| | | | | | | | 46,502 | 53,934 |

Miscellaneous dock deliveries by Higgins O. & F. Co. to tugs and barges, Crude ..... 3,165

TOTAL BARRELS FOR FIRST HALF OF MARCH ..... *49,667 53,934

*Oklahoma Crude (by Higgins) 992 barrels of this total.

†Shipped from Beaumont docks. The Higgins O. & F. Co. also shipped from Beaumont docks to Sabine storage, 15,211 barrels.

## THE TANK STRAPPER'S COLUMN.

Berlin seems to have a Galveston fakir of its own. That report about the German government planning to monopolize the petroleum industry qualifies the schmier-kase scribe to rank with the mystery-finder at Shreveport and the sea-wall scribbler on the Texas island. Baron Sedlitz! Would n't that make your garters drop down!

Speaking of the Shreveport sleuth reminds us that we have the dope on this boy—contributed by one of our watchful and faithful correspondents who knows his subject like a butcher knows the price of liver. It makes a good story, but we haven't the time to write it now. Be patient, gentle reader, be patient.

They are telling one on a certain Texas oil man who went to Hot Springs, Ark. While he was there his wife wrote that she wanted to join him and spend a week at the Springs. According to a friend who was with him he answered: "This is no place for you, but if you want to have a nice time go to the Thousand Islands and stay a week at each island."

Ab Moore disappeared again last week but turned up in three days. Now it is reported he is going to write a book and call it: "Three Days." There will be a tiger skin on the margin of each page, and the paper will be perfumed.

That rippling sound? O, yes. That comes from Anse la Butte, and 'tis the gentle rythm of the salt water gurgling out of the little holes that Scottie and Johnnie punched in the soil thereabouts. Nothing so sweet as the sound of rippling water—in a brook, but not in an "oil" field.

A hypnotist performed at the Kyle theatre in Beaumont this week. The report cannot be verified but Mose Solinsky stands for it that Cal Clark disguised himself with a bunch of red whiskers and went up on the stage to test the powers of the "hyp" expert. Mose says that the mesmerist put Cal to sleep in two seconds and then asked him to think of something he had not thought about for a long time. There was a tremor on the lips beneath the red whiskers and a word percolated through them and floated out upon the still air. Mose says it was a simple word—"work."

Charley Blackman and P. E. Hastings are now impersonating the Last of the Mohicans. Tom Donoghue took all the rest of The Texas Company gang to Houston and left these two marooned in the Temperance Hall Building at Beaumont.

## FROM THE LAND OF FRUIT AND SUNSHINE.

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## EXPORT SHIPMENTS OF OIL FROM PORT ARTHUR.

The British Admiralty's tanker Petroleum cleared from the Gulf Refining Company's docks at Port Arthur on March 11 with her second cargo of liquid fuel for the English navy. The Petroleum will deliver the oil into storage at Portland, England. On March 7 the British Petroleum Company's tanker Cymbeline cleared from the Gulf Company's docks for Avenmouth and Manchester, England, with 48,838 barrels of refined oil. On March 13 the steamer La Viguesa loaded 6,889 barrels of crude at the Gulf Company's Port Arthur docks, consigned to Campana, Argentine Republic. This is the first shipment from this port to Argentine.

The Texas Company on March 5 loaded the tanker Mira for Liverpool with 40,904 barrels of refined oil, and on March 14 the tanker Ed. Dawson with 17,688 barrels of refined oil for Antwerp. Both cargoes went from The Texas Company's docks at Port Arthur.

On March 9 the Security Oil Company loaded the Anglo-American Oil Company's tanker Genessee with 28,248 barrels of refined oil for England.

## SUITS FOR FAILURE TO REPORT GROSS RECEIPTS.

The Texas comptroller's department on March 13 addressed a communication to the attorney general's department directing that suit for penalty be instituted against all corporations doing business in Texas subject to the gross receipts tax law of the Thirtieth Legislature which have failed to pay the tax and make the report as required by law. The suits will be brought under the gross receipts act of the Thirtieth Legislature. Penalties levied by this statute for its infraction are: For failure to make report for 30 days from date when the report is required, a penalty not in excess of $1000; for failure to pay the tax for 30 days after required, a penalty of 10 per cent of the tax is assessed. The venue of the suits is fixed by law in the district court of Travis County. The tax is due January 1, the last day of grace for reports being January 31. Tax is paid for the current quarter on the basis of the gross receipts of the quarter ending December 31, 1907. The per cent of tax varies according to the class of business. A number of oil companies are included in the list of corporations against which suits are to be instituted.

## SOUR LAKE-GARRISON PIPE LINE COMPLETED.

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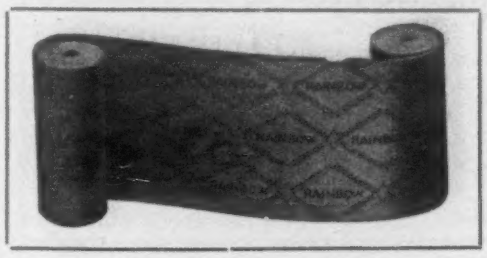

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